

## Mr Wilson promises harsh price controls if the social contract collapses

If the Labour Party's social contract with the trade unions broke down, Mr Wilson said in Cardiff last night, harsh price controls would be imposed: "rogue" employers would be prevented from compensating themselves for wage rises outside the contract's terms by raising the price of their products. He refused to say whether

the latest Ford offer came within the terms of the party-unions agreement. Speaking in Bolton, Mr Heath said that on Thursday the electorate had to decide between national unity or a socialist state—probably for ever. If people voted socialist because they feared political strikes, democracy would be dead.

## Onus for rises to rest with firms

From Hugh Noyes  
Cardiff  
Mr Wilson said last night that harsh price controls would be the last line of defence for a Labour government if the social contract with the trade unions collapsed.

At a press conference in Cardiff, he said there had been suggestions in recent months that if the social contract were successful price controls would become less harsh.

But although the Prime Minister refused to say last night whether he had an ultimate deterrent to massive wage increases, it was clear that the Labour leaders are thinking in terms of controlling wage increases by preventing employers from compensating themselves by raising the price of their products.

Mr Wilson refused to say whether the new Ford offer was within the social contract. But he promised a statement on this as soon as the complicated package had been studied by the Department of Employment.

Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, and Mr Healey, the Chancellor, were now looking closely at the price control situation, Mr Wilson said. If there was a rush of huge wage offers by "rogue employers" outside the social contract the first line of defence would be talks with the unions and firms concerned by the Trades Union Congress and the Confederation of British Industry. The firms and the unions would be warned

that the social contract was being put in peril. Mr Wilson continued: "I am assuming that employers are not philanthropists and that they want to make profits. If they were really going to force up wages, just for the hell of it, they would lose out on their export markets and if they were going to charge more on the home market they would simply be caught by price control and would bankrupt themselves."

thar the news about the Ford offer and the miners was "disturbing" (Peter Evans writes from King's Lynn).

He had been asked by a questioner if he felt the unions were aware that unemployment was an alternative to the social contract and if they could not discipline their members.

He replied that neither in the case of Ford nor the unions was it a final settlement. "We cannot pronounce on whether the outcome is within the social contract until we see what emerges."

Broadly speaking, unions had won disputes because they had had public opinion behind them. Offer "breaks contract": Mr Healey, the Chancellor, agreed yesterday that the Ford pay offer was "on the face of it, contrary to the social contract".

## This way lies ruin, Mr Heath declares

From John Winder  
Bolton  
The electorate had to decide next Thursday between national unity or a socialist state, probably for ever, Mr Heath said at a rally for electors of both Bolton constituencies here last night.

Britain's balance of payments was still heavily in the red and that the cost of exports was going up faster than the cost of what our competitors produced. "This way lies ruin. Going on like this there will come a point—there are no ifs and buts about it—when Britain will run out of credit," he said.

Mr Heath said, "I shall have to decide very fast after the election—providing, of course, we win—how much inflation we can tolerate. I am anxious to direct it in ways which have the maximum impact on investment and exports."

But the scale of the inflation remains to be determined.

## Mr Healey defends his full employment policy

By David Wood  
Political Editor  
The spectre of mass unemployment now emerges all over the world as a danger second only to inflation."

Mr Healey firmly refused a questioner's invitation to specify the areas in which, within his November Budget, he means to act to improve the liquidity and profitability of companies. Nevertheless, he came down heavily as an opponent of the theory that demand should be halted to curb inflation.

At one point he said: "There is no evidence that when economies are already working well below capacity, a further deflation of demand will in fact reduce unemployment except at levels of unemployment which no democratic country will tolerate."

Then he left no doubt that his Budget will be inflationary. If Labour wins the general election, in his own words: "I shall have to decide very fast after the election—providing, of course, we win—how much inflation we can tolerate."

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## No sign of food price inflation slackening

By Hugh Clayton  
Food price inflation shows no sign of easing, the Institute of Grocery Distribution said yesterday. Lord Trenchard, president of the institute, said early returns for September showed an annual rise of 20 per cent, after an 18 per cent increase confirmed for August.

"Clearly food price inflation has continued at the rate of 18 per cent," he said. He described the insurance as "the independent central collator of facts and figures for the whole United Kingdom food industry."

Figures based on the retail price index in the first eight months of this year show that at the end of each month the rise over the corresponding month in 1973 was higher than the comparable monthly rise between that year and 1972.

Dr J. A. Beaumont, senior economics officer of the institute, said it was unwise to draw sweeping conclusions from the figures for the eight months of the year. But it was positively misleading to calculate an annual rate of increase by comparing the figures of consecutive months.

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Mr Richard Nixon leaves Long Beach hospital, California, in a wheelchair after 11 days of treatment for phlebitis. Report, page 7.

## Oil loan timing 'fishy', Mr Jenkin says

By Margaret Drummond  
Suggestions that the announcement of a massive financing package for North Sea oil development earlier this week had been stage managed by the Government as a prelection ploy were made yesterday by Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Conservative spokesman on energy.

He said that there was "something fishy about the timing of the loan," a \$250m package organized by the International Energy Bank consortium for development of the Piper field.

He said: "Labour ministers are claiming that the announcement of the loan goes to show that there is no real basis for suggestions that the Government's White Paper on nationalization is discouraging the implementation of the oil production programme."

Mr Jenkin suggested that the Department of Energy had given certain assurances to the banking syndicates. "If this were the case, he said, it blows sky high their claim that nationalization is not interfering with offshore oil development."

It is believed that the financing arrangements, which took the form of a limited recourse credit to Thomson Piper Petroleum and a \$150m loan to Occidental of Britain, a subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum, of California, did involve certain guarantees to the banks from the Department of Energy.

The White Paper on nationalization includes proposals for the Government to take controlling equity interests in oil development projects, and this has proved a dampener on efforts to raise oil finance.

The Piper field package is the first United Kingdom deal where the banks have agreed to take on a major part of the risk themselves. Under the terms of the Thomson Piper loan, the payment of both principal and interest is to be met from oil revenues, with perhaps 40 or 50 per cent of these allocated for repayments for the first few years of the loan.

With nationalization threatening to dilute the security for the loan it is thought unlikely that the banks would be encouraged to undertake this type of high risk financing operation without some guarantee from the Government as to their share of future revenues. A spokesman for the Department of Energy declined to comment on the matter yesterday.

## Man is charged after Blydon double killing

Northumbria police said last night that a man had been charged with murdering two sisters whose bloodstained bodies were found in the back room of a Blydon optician's shop yesterday morning.

The police did not name the man, who they said would appear in court today.

Miss Mary Armstrong, aged 18 and her sister, Mrs Margaret Whitfield, aged 22, mother of an 18-month-old baby, lived with their mother in the village of Crawcrook, near Blydon. They worked as receptionists for Mr Harris Cohen, an optician, in Tyne Street, Blydon.

Police were called after Mr Cohen went to the shop and later called for help at an insurance office.

The department added that no decision had been reached about a subsidy to cover the rise agreed by the Government on cane sugar from Guyana, equivalent to 2p or 3p a lb ex-factory. Tate and Lyle, the largest cane refiners in Britain, said they had begun to process shipments from Guyana.

There were, Mr Healey said, two main dangers "which could lead the world into a slump on the scale of the 1930s", and both arose from the colossal surge in petroleum dollars, which was likely to amount this year to between

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## Six hurt in DC6 runway crash

Six passengers were taken to hospital after the nose wheel of a Belgian DC6 airliner collapsed at Southend airport shortly before take-off last night.

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## Sir Christopher finds Australia wants Britain to stay in EEC

From Roger Berthoud  
Brussels, Oct 4  
Australia and New Zealand have adjusted their trade to the enlargement of the European Economic Community, and would not welcome Britain's withdrawal. This was the clear impression left by Sir Christopher Soames, vice-president of the Commission responsible for external affairs, when he summed up a four-week visit to Australasia and four South-East Asian countries at a press conference in Brussels today.

The Labour Party's conviction that the terms of Britain's EEC entry gave the Commonwealth a poor trade deal does not, on Sir Christopher's evidence today, seem to be shared by the Labour Governments in Wellington and Canberra, or by Asian leaders.

In Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines, Sir Christopher found appreciation for the much more outward-looking approach of the EEC since Britain joined. This was coupled with an awareness that no single country could give them either a big enough market or enough assistance, without the Community could. They attached considerable political as well as commercial importance to developing relations with the EEC.

Australia and New Zealand had set themselves on a course of dealing with the Community as a whole, and had adapted their patterns of trade accordingly. They don't think this is something they can start and stop at will. They look to continuing what they set out to do," Sir Christopher said.

All New Zealand's plans for trade diversification and expansion were based on their view that the enlarged Community had come to stay. This was taken as implying that the plans might not be reversible should Britain pull out.

"They no longer look on themselves as an extension of British farm land with a sacred duty to provide the British with cheap food," Sir Christopher said.

Christopher pointed out they realized that the days of cheap food were past, and bad produced facts and figures to show why the price for butter agreed in the British entry negotiations should be increased. Sir Christopher thought there was a case for a review.

He had told the New Zealanders that the Commission would discuss the matter this month, with a view to making proposals to the Council of Ministers. At present, the New Zealanders were preferring to diversify their outlets and benefit from world prices rather than fulfill their full EEC quota.

Sir Christopher assured them that if any Community regulation was introduced in sheep meat, as they feared, it would be taken into consideration the interests of major suppliers like New Zealand.

In Australia, the main anxiety was the EEC's ban in July on beef imports. The Australians hoped this would not last a day longer than necessary. Sir Christopher, who admits the ban is embarrassing for the Community, which espouses trade liberalization, explained it had been introduced through force of circumstance, and was intended to be temporary.

The Community would be represented at a meeting of beef exporting countries, sponsored by the Australians and fixed for October 15 in Washington.

Both the Australian and New Zealand Governments agreed that from now on there should be regular contacts with the EEC at senior official or ministerial level, on the lines of the Community's present practice with the United States, Canada and Japan.

With the four members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), who were joined by Thailand for a ministerial meeting with Sir Christopher in Jakarta, it was agreed that a study group of ASEAN and Commission officials should be set up to discuss the general development of relations with the EEC.

## Police right to clear pop site, report says

The action of the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police in closing the pop festival in Windsor Great Park in August was backed by the Thames Valley police authority yesterday. But two minority reports called for a public inquiry into the action, in which 116 police officers, including 70 police officers, were injured.

The authority's report criticized the Crown Estate Commissioners and called for legislation to provide national standards of control at such festivals. Although supporting the judgment of Mr David Holdsworth, the chief constable, the report said that some of the consequences of the police action were "unfortunate".

Mr Holdsworth's own report to the Home Secretary, together with the authority's comments on it and the minority reports of two authority members, were all published yesterday.

Mr Holdsworth said the "slow and deliberate" operation to break up the festival was successful but a relatively short, violent confrontation with a militant minority of pop enthusiasts received the greatest publicity.

The police authority's report said that when police moved into the festival site on August 25 they were "confronted with a successful operation of deliberately flouting the law. This in our view is something which

## Karpov believes Fischer does not like chess

Moscow, Oct 4.—Anatoly Karpov, the Soviet chess grandmaster who is at present playing his compatriot, Viktor Korchnoi, for the right to challenge for the world title, believes that Bobby Fischer, the champion, does not like chess and will not defend his crown.

Last June Fischer told the International Chess Federation (Fide) that he was resigning from the organization over a dispute about the scoring system decided on for the title match next year. However, he still has not said whether he will defend the championship.

Karpov, who is 23, said in an interview: "Fischer has not played for more than two years and is behaving in such a way that it is certain he does not want to play the match. He accuses everybody except himself, he does not respect the rights of grandmasters, challenges and Fide, only someone who does not like chess could operate in the way he does."

Russian Boris Spassky in Reykjavik.

Karpov is leading Korchnoi 2-0 in the challengers' final and is strongly expected to win. (Their ninth game was adjourned tonight in an even position). He said he thought a title match between himself and Fischer would be more interesting than a Fischer-Korchnoi clash.

"Fischer has already defeated all the so-called middle-aged players except Korchnoi, but he has lost to some others," he said. "I think I have very good chances of winning against any of today's grandmasters."

## 'Oil slick found' near lost trawler's last position

From a Staff Reporter  
Peterhead  
There were unconfirmed reports last night that an oil slick had been found near the last known position of the trawler Trident, which is missing in the North Sea with its crew of seven.

Throughout yesterday an RAF Nimrod, a helicopter and a fishing vessel searched the area. Several fish boxes of the type used by herring vessels were picked up by the Macduff lifeboat.

The 80ft Trident left the herring grounds off the Isle of Man and sailed through the Pentlands Firth, a narrow strait, at 3 pm on Thursday. She stopped and gave assistance to another trawler, the Faithful, which had engine trouble. The Faithful reached Peterhead safely at midnight on Thursday, but the Trident failed to arrive.

Shortly after dawn the search began, and two Shackletons from Lossiemouth air station were called out. Coastguards

said no positive signs of the Trident had been found. The air and sea search will be resumed at first light today.

Peterhead coastguards said last night that the Trident was 18 months old, and was registered in the fishing port. It was equipped fully with radio aids, and would have withstood the weather in the area comfortably. He believed the usual skipper of the trawler was not on board, and that the Trident was being sailed from the west coast under the command of a colleague.

## Director of labour agency accused

Mr Ronald Jeffrey Carr, aged 55, of Plough Lane, Purley, Surrey, managing director of Labour Force Ltd, of South Norwood, London, is to appear at Bow Street court today charged with possessing instruments of forgery and facsimile signature stamps to defraud the Inland Revenue.

The agency is one of the largest labour agencies in Britain and has offices in New York and Hongkong.

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## Rough Day?

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Blended for smoothness—it never varies.

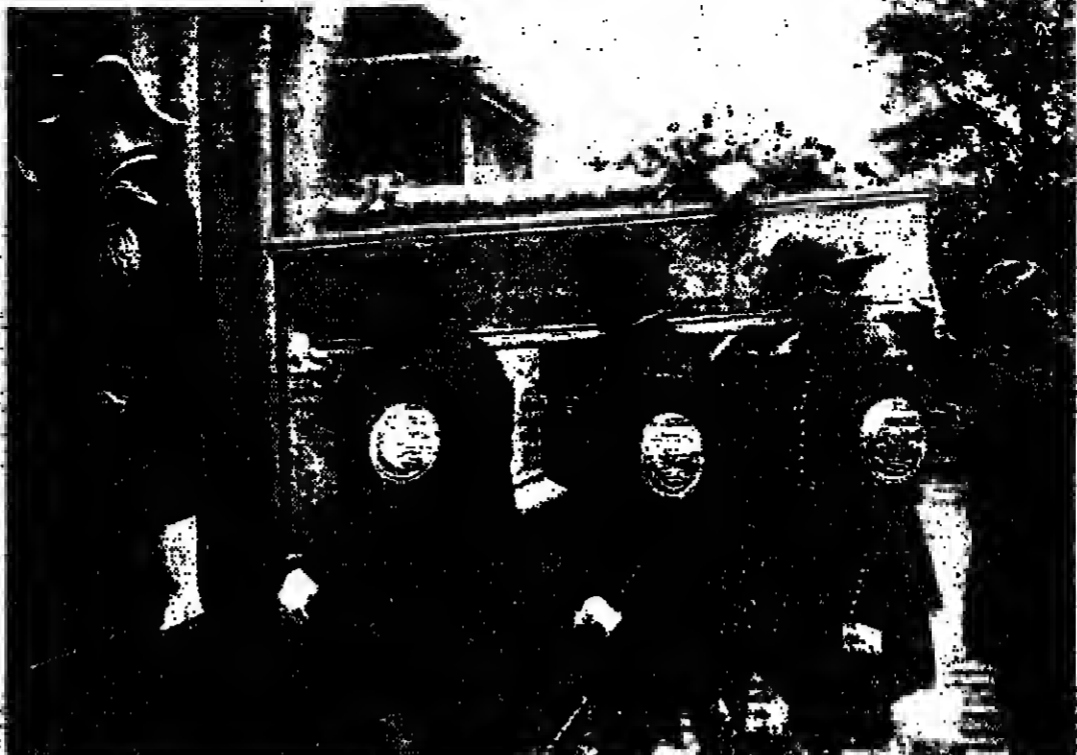
HOME NEWS

Protestant shot dead and Catholic friend is injured in Belfast

From Robert Fisk Belfast A Protestant who regularly walked to work with a Roman Catholic friend, and who was to leave Northern Ireland today to rejoin his wife and two children in England, became the latest victim of Belfast's assassination squads yesterday. Mr James Willis was shot dead just before 8 am while taking a short cut to his engineering works. His Catholic friend, who was shot in the chest beside him, was said to be comfortable in the Royal Victoria hospital last night. The two men had just turned into Moonstone Street and entered an alleyway when they were confronted by a man from a revolver. Mr Willis, aged 30, who lived with his mother in the Beersbridge Road area of Belfast, was apparently killed instantly. The shooting took place within 100 yards of the Pilot Engineering Company, where both men worked. The gunman fled in a dark green Cortina which had been seen in the area on the previous two mornings; police believe that the murder had been rehearsed. Mr Willis was presumably shot because of his friendship with the Catholic, who was not named yesterday.

Court told of 'bomb man who lost his nerve'

Judith Theresa Ward, aged 25, the girl accused of killing 12 people in the M62 coach explosion in February, was said at Wakefield Crown Court yesterday, to have told police that the man sent with her to cause an explosion a week later at the National Defence College, lost his nerve. Miss Ward, of Stockport, Lancashire, is charged with murdering 12 people in an Army bus on the M62 at Birkenshaw, Yorkshire, in February. She also faces three charges of causing explosions on the M62, at the National Defence College, Latimer, Buckinghamshire, and at Euston station, London. She pleads not guilty. Mr John Cobb, QC, for the prosecution, alleged that before going off by car to plant a bomb at the Defence College, Miss Ward had breakfast of egg and chips. In an interview with police she said: "The man with me lost his nerve and wanted to go back. We had the bomb in the back of the car and the man who made it, it could go off at any time." She said she had driven the car to Latimer, and the next day the man planted the bomb. Mr Cobb read a series of alleged interviews which police had with Miss Ward. Asked who were her accomplices, she replied: "I never wanted people to die. I have said that before. I don't believe in it and never have. I have told you you can't grass on this sort of thing." Told that she was quite safe with the police, she replied: "My family aren't." She was told that "they" normally took revenge on the persons concerned and not their families, and replied: "Like hell, what about the job in Manchester last year?" Asked to tell more about the man she was with before the Latimer explosion, she said: "Knickers. I have told you all I know." When asked by police if she wanted a solicitor, Miss Ward replied: "You can't expect a country to defend you when you've tried to kill their people." Mr Cobb said: "At the very least, there are the following facts: That she has made confession regarding her participation in all three of these outrages; scientific evidence connects Ward with all three outrages; she was physically present at or near the scenes at which all three outrages were planned and or executed." First prosecution witness was WRAC Private Margaret Mary Blake, who said she acted as escort when Miss Ward was under close arrest after being absent. Miss Ward told her that she had been to Ireland helping people out. "She said she had been blowing places up and things like that. I didn't take much notice. The trial was adjourned until next Monday.



Barge Masters and Watermen carrying the coffin of Mrs Dorothea Woodward-Fisher, who once owned a fleet of Lymington lighters, at her funeral at St Margaret's, Lee, yesterday.

Ford workers threaten to resume strike

By Raymond Perman Labour Staff Press shop workers at Ford yesterday threatened to resume their strike on Monday unless their claim for extra money for working a three-shift system is met in full. The ultimatum, delivered at a mass meeting at the plant, set a deadline for union and company negotiators who were beginning their bargaining on Ford's 5300 workers. Talks were expected to go on into the week-end. Ford said that negotiations which would normally take weeks had been telescoped into days to try to reach agreement. The offer is the largest in the company's history. It would give 35 per cent increases in basic pay over the next two years. It also includes a 10 per cent increase in overtime pay, a 10 per cent increase in holiday pay, and a 10 per cent increase in sick pay. The press shop workers are claiming time-and-a-half, but have been offered only time-and-a-quarter. The company says that with other payments that will give them an immediate £11.16 a week and £18.55 over two years. The three-week strike by 1,800 press shop workers at Dagenham and Halewood stopped all car production. Ford wants to get back to the 1971 situation, when a two-year agreement giving large pay rises achieved a period of industrial peace. But the unions are wary of a deal which could be overtaken by changed economic circumstances, even though Ford has offered a new three-year clause in the contract. The rate price index goes beyond 36 per cent above its 1971 level. The offer breaks the social contract condition that there should be a minimum period of 12 months between pay rises. Ford's 3,000 workers got their last pay rise in April. Union negotiators are mainly concerned to get a contract which will be protected by future increases in the price index. They expect improvements in productivity.

Triple killer bitter at job failure, police say

Michael Anthony Brown, who killed three people in Torquay before shooting himself, was an intelligent man "who felt he had been rejected by society in general", police said last night. Det Chief Supv Proven Sharpe, head of Devon and Cornwall CID, said in a press conference that Mr Brown was "somewhat embittered". "He seems to have found difficulty in getting employment or suitable training to achieve his objective, getting work as a professional field," Mr Sharpe said. Mr Brown killed two men and a young woman with his 12-bore shotgun before turning the weapon on himself. Police believe he was frustrated by his size—he was less than 5ft tall—by his abnormally boyish appearance, and also by his failure to get a job which he felt his five grammar school "O" levels merited. He wrote poems which reflected his inner turmoil. One found by the police began "Prejudice, prejudice, prejudice." A police spokesman said that the Torquay social security office had a "hulky file" of correspondence from Mr Brown about his job prospects. "It was obvious from his letters that he was a very educated chap." The spokesman said Mr Brown had been unemployed recently. He lived alone in a one-room flat 300 yards from Roebuck House, where the shootings took place. Neighbours said he was "a perfectly polite man" who could often be heard typing well into the night.

ITN journalists accept improved pay offer and return to work

By Alan Hamilton Labour Staff Independent Television News programmes returned last night after 80 journalists employed by ITN had unanimously accepted an improved pay offer and called off their three-day strike. Programmes affected by the stoppage were News at Ten, First Report and the early evening news bulletin. Agreement was reached after the intervention of the Prime Minister and Mr Foot, secretary of State for Employment, who sent the dispute to the Government's Conciliation and Arbitration Service. The ITN chapel, (office branch) of the National Union of Journalists had rejected an offer of 19 per cent on basic rates. That would have raised minimum salaries to between £4,172 and £5,380. Under the terms of yesterday's agreement the offer on basic salaries remains the same, but a range of improved fringe benefits have been added. They include increases in stand-by payments from £5 to £6 a day, maternity leave of up to eight months, and the extension of minimum salary increases to include the night. The new pay scale for ITN journalists is now very close. Mr Kenneth Morgan, general secretary of the National Union of Journalists, said last night he was pleased that a formula had been found for ending the strike, but he was disappointed that the settlement was not a better one. He said, however, that the elements of the agreement were "together, in no way inferior to the social contract between Government and unions." There was disagreement between the two sides that night on the value of the extra concessions. The National Union of Journalists said that the offer would be worth up to 20 per cent in some cases, but the Independent Television Contractors Association, representing the employers, said that the fringe benefits would add no more than 0.8 per cent to the 19 per cent cash offer. Journalists employed by the regional television companies also ended their three-day strike last night after receiving a similar offer. Journalists at ITN had originally claimed parity of rates with the BBC. Although that has not been fully achieved, the pay scales are now very close. Mr Kenneth Morgan, general secretary of the National Union of Journalists, said last night he was pleased that a formula had been found for ending the strike, but he was disappointed that the settlement was not a better one. He said, however, that the elements of the agreement were "together, in no way inferior to the social contract between Government and unions." There was disagreement between the two sides that night on the value of the extra concessions. The National Union of Journalists said that the offer would be worth up to 20 per cent in some cases, but the Independent Television Contractors Association, representing the employers, said that the fringe benefits would add no more than 0.8 per cent to the 19 per cent cash offer. Journalists employed by the regional television companies also ended their three-day strike last night after receiving a similar offer.

Petty officer who beat seaman to death jailed

A petty officer whose violence was said to have made seamen lock their cabin doors was jailed for seven years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for killing a crew member. He beat Seaman John Murray to death after Murray vowed he would make a complaint. Petty Officer William Grievson, aged 32, of Denwood Crescent, Nottingham, pleaded guilty to manslaughter. His plea of not guilty to murder was accepted. Det Chief Supv Ivor Reynolds, of Scotland Yard, described Grievson as a man of "magnificent physique, a competent and diligent seafarer who tended to be militant." Mr Henry Pownall, for the prosecution, said Mr Murray's refusal to obey orders brought the chief petty officer to tears and Grievson went into action as most of the crew of the "43,000-ton tanker, British Marine, in the South Atlantic were listening to the Cup final on the radio. Grievson hit Mr Murray in the face, then used his fist and fist like a peacock feather Mr Murray's face. After Mr Murray had recovered consciousness he attacked Mr Grievson, who again beat him unconscious. As he lay on the deck, Mr Grievson pushed his foot three times into the man's face. Mr Murray, of Luton, Bedfordshire, died from multiple injuries which had affected his brain. Det Chief Supv Ivor Reynolds, of Scotland Yard, said the defendant, Mr Grievson had only recently been promoted. "This was a situation where a man was too close to many of the crew to keep proper discipline."

Girl aged 15 says PC tried to strangle her

A girl aged 15 told a jury yesterday that a policeman who offered her a lift in his car late last year tried to strangle her. She was giving evidence at Winchester Crown Court against Michael Clark, aged 21, of Coxford Close, Southampton, who denies indecently assaulting her. The prosecution alleges that Mr Clark was in uniform when he offered the girl a lift in his own car to a Southampton reception centre where she had arranged to stay. He has since left the force. The girl, cross-examined by Mr Owen Thomas, QC, for the defence, said Mr Clark assaulted her in a reception centre and put his arm around her and started to strangle her. She denied she screamed when Mr Clark put his hand in front of her to open the passenger door. "I started screaming when he started strangling me," she said. Miss Ann Townsend, a house-mother at the reception centre, told the jury the girl arrived in a hysterical state. "Her hair was caked in blood." The girl told her: "I got into a car. A policeman was in the car and he hit me and kicked me in the head." PC Michael Hoy said he went to the reception centre and found the girl with her hair covered in blood. She was taken to hospital. PC John Owen said that on the night of the alleged attack Mr Clark had been to see him. They went to be best man at each other's weddings. Mr Clark was his best man, but on instructions from a superior, he was not best man when Mr Clark was married on August 10. The hearing was adjourned until next Monday.

Professor to head Arts Council

By Our Arts Reporter Sir Hugh Willatt, secretary-general of the Arts Council since 1963, is to be succeeded by Professor Roy Shaw, director of Adult Education since 1962 at Keele University, when he retires next spring at the age of 63. Professor Shaw is 56. He became a member of the council in 1972 and is chairman of its regional and training committees. He was a member of the planning committee for the Open University and the BBC's General Advisory Council, and founder-chairman of BBC Radio 3. One of his main preoccupations in adult education has been to extend his work in the arts to people normally indifferent or hostile to it; he sees his work at the Arts Council as a similar effort to extend the accessibility of the arts.

Diabetic who killed wife put on probation

A man who stabbed his wife through the heart with a carving knife acted with diminished responsibility because he had diabetes, a judge said yesterday. Brian George, of Flatts Crescent, Ambleside, Stourbridge, Worcestershire, was put on probation for three years at Shrewsbury Crown Court for manslaughter. "I am satisfied your responsibility was substantially diminished at the time you committed this awful act by reason of your physical condition, diabetes, and that you were driven to distraction by the matrimonial problems which you faced," Mr Justice Crichton said. Mr Nicholson's plea of not guilty to murdering his wife, Mrs June Nicholson, aged 38, was accepted. He admitted manslaughter through diminished responsibility.

Eight years' jail for throwing stones at cars

Two men who over a period threw stones at passing cars at a rate of eight to ten a second for eight years each at St Albans Crown Court yesterday. Robert Allen and Anthony Ling, both of the A10 and A120 near Puckeridge, Hertfordshire, and Lubbock stones out of their car window. One motorist suffered a fractured skull and another 16 stitches in the head. Mr Allen, aged 23, a tree feller, of Barwick near Ware, and Mr Ling, aged 23, a bricklayer, of Standon Park, Hertfordshire, were charged with seven charges of damaging property, one of assault and two of causing grievous bodily harm with intent. Mr Sean Overend, for the prosecution, said the offences took place at night over a four-month period and regarded by them as a sport. Mr Clive Iverton, for the defence, said: "It does seem they did not appreciate what they were doing."

London payment up for 140,000 civil servants

By Our Labour Staff Union leaders of 140,000 civil servants in the London area have accepted an offer of increased London weighting allowances from the Civil Service Department. The allowances, which will also be paid to Civil Service industrial employees, will be backdated to April 1. The agreement will increase the inner London allowance from £228 to £410, and the area in which it will be applicable has been extended from a four-mile radius of Charing Cross to five miles. The outer London allowance will be raised from £110 to £260. Like most London weighting settlements, the amount is well in excess of the Pay Board's July recommendation of £400 for inner London and £200 for the outer area. Ancillary workers at 15 major London hospitals walked out yesterday in support of a claim for increases in weighting allowances of £3.70 a week.

Dr Savundra leaves jail

Dr Emil Savundra, the Ceylon-born financier, was released from Wormwood Scrubs prison yesterday after serving six and a half years of a 10-year sentence. He was converted for the Fire, Auto and Marine insurance fraud bar said yesterday he intended to take his case to the Human Rights Court at Strasbourg, because he was innocent.

Charge withdrawn

The charge against one of six men accused of conspiracy to steal \$1m in travellers' cheques from Heathrow airport was dropped at the Ealing Court, London, yesterday. The man was Mr Roger Vincent, aged 34, a leader, of Harcourt Close, Egham, Surrey. Five others were remanded until November 14.

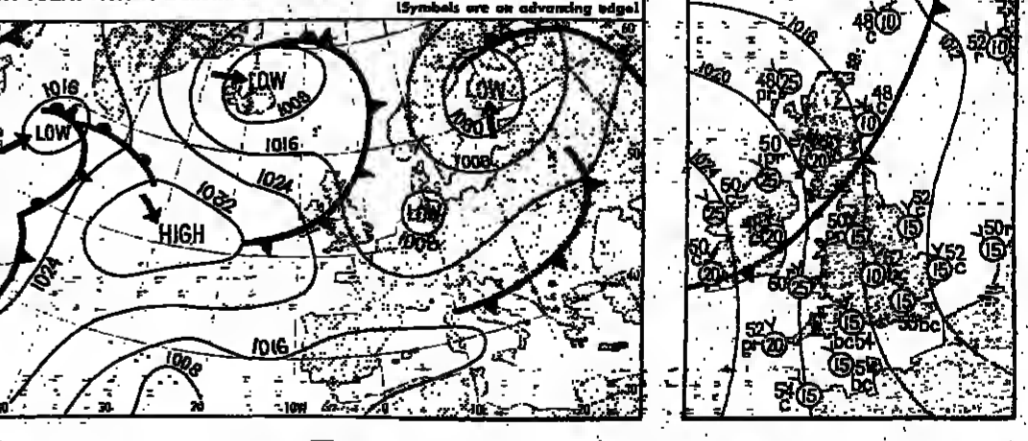
The feminine touch

We live in an ugly world destroying itself in an excess of masculinity, Jackie Gillian writes in The Sunday Times tomorrow. Both men and women need to cultivate the feminine principle, she says, nurturing gentleness and patience.

Crown Commissioners' attitude on pop festival criticized

Continued from page 1 opinion the speediest way to establish the rights and wrongs of the situation would be for individuals who feel aggrieved before next year. The report sympathized with local residents for the "extreme nuisance" caused by the event. "There can be no doubt about the hostility of the people of Windsor to the event," it said. The Windsor assembly in Windsor Great Park was not an offence, the authority added. At that stage numbers were steadily increasing, many arriving during the evening and night. After careful investigation we reluctantly accept that the festival could not have been stopped at its beginning. It was clearly the chief constable's duty to terminate the festival as soon as he felt that was possible. Having considered all available factors, we consider the chief constable's judgment of timing was justified even though some of the consequences were unfortunate. We feel it would have been better to have given longer and better warning to the campers. Loudspeakers vans are an unsatisfactory means of communication and the wording used does not commend itself to us," the report added. The police authority found the attitude of the Crown Estate Commissioners equivocal. "There is no doubt that they were totally opposed to the holding of the festival but they did not publicly give unqualified support to the police in their decision to clear the site. "We think the commissioners should have been prepared to spend fairly substantial sums on advance warning publicity and should have erected large temporary 'no camping' signs in the areas to be affected." The report also criticized the Crown Estate Commissioners' attitude on pop festival criticized. They considered the festival could and should have been prevented. A second minority report, signed by one authority member, Mr Arthur Gillians, of Oxfordshire county councillor, asked why the police were unable to accept assurances about when the festival would end and thus allow the event to peter out. The chief constable had claimed there was a real likelihood of a riot situation in and around Windsor town over the following weekend unless the festival was stopped, but evidence presented related solely to incidents alleged to have occurred in and near the festival site, Mr Gillians wrote. Giving a personal view, he said the chief constable was persuaded by a mixture of local pressure, press hysteria, and perhaps his own prejudices, which to be honest we all have, to take action against an event because it was so clearly anti-authoritarian and something which had to be stopped. On an occasion like the Windsor Free Festival the police would be best advised to direct their efforts towards curbing the criminal exploitation of the young by organized rings of hard drug pushers rather than carry out searches of in most cases innocent young people, Mr Gillians added. Mr Holdsworth said in his report that he had adopted a policy in 1972 and 1973 of containment of the festivals in Windsor Great Park and concerned himself mainly with the drug issue. This year it became apparent that containment of the festival might no longer be a proper policy. He added: "Not only in previous years were the Windsor Great Park regulations being openly and deliberately flouted, a very much higher number of drug offences were being committed and detected; there appeared to be a plan to deliver and distribute 'free' cannabis; there was evidence of threats against food vendors; violent confrontation with the police to rescue persons arrested and

Weather forecast and recordings



Today		Tomorrow	
Sun rises:	Sun sets:	Sun rises:	Sun sets:
6:30 am	6:30 pm	6:28 am	6:28 pm
Moon sets: 10:42 am	Moon rises: 8:13 pm	Moon sets: 12:52 pm	Moon rises: 9:4 pm
Last quarter: October 8.			
Lighting up: 7.0 pm to 6.39 am.			
High water: London Bridge, 4.41 am, 2.26 (23.6T); 4.54 pm, 7.5m (23.9T). Avonmouth, 10.42 am, 12.8m (41.9T); 10.28 pm, 12.5m (40.9T). Dover, 1.43 am, 6.4m (21.0T); 2.0 pm, 6.5m (21.2T). Hull, 8.5 am, 2.2m (23.5T); 1.17 pm, 6.9m (22.8T). Liverpool, 5.15 am, 8.6m (28.2T); 2.9 pm, 8.4m (27.7T).			
An anticyclone in mid-Atlantic will persist, maintaining a N to NW airstream over the British Isles.			
Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE, central S England, Midlands, Channel Islands: Rather cloudy with showers and bright intervals; wind NW, moderate; max temp 11°C (52°F). East Anglia, E-NE England: Rather cloudy, with showers; max temp 11°C (52°F).			
WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.			
Albany	12.0	Colombo	12.0
Amsterdam	12.0	Copenhagen	12.0
Antwerp	12.0	Dublin	12.0
Birmingham	12.0	Edinburgh	12.0
Bombay	12.0	Geneva	12.0
Boston	12.0	Hamburg	12.0
Buenos Aires	12.0	Harlem	12.0
Calcutta	12.0	Helsinki	12.0
Cardiff	12.0	London	12.0
Chicago	12.0	Lyons	12.0
Cairo	12.0	Madrid	12.0
Canton	12.0	Moscow	12.0
Cebu	12.0	Nairobi	12.0
Colon	12.0	Osaka	12.0
Dakar	12.0	Paris	12.0
Damascus	12.0	Rome	12.0
Dar es Salaam	12.0	Stockholm	12.0
Delhi	12.0	Tokyo	12.0
Detroit	12.0	Zurich	12.0
Dublin	12.0		
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HOME NEWS

'Reluctant peer' who turned compulsive gambler goes to jail

Lord Spens, aged 60, described as a "reluctant peer" was jailed for two and a half years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Lord Spens, of Lambden, Pluckley, near Ashford, Kent, admitted six charges of fraudulent conversion and theft of funds totalling £151,000.

Mr Stephen Mitchell, for the prosecution, said that during seven years when Lord Spens had complete control of the finances of the federation's carpet centre in Regent Street, London, the accounts were not audited.

Judge Christmas Humphreys, QC, told him: "This is stark tragedy. The judge said he was impressed to hear of the 'almost incredible position' in which Lord Spens had been allowed to stand.

The judge said Lord Spens had a fine character and bore a fine name. "This federation was your child," the judge said.

The judge said Lord Spens had been built up by Lord Spens and by the enormous amount of work he had put into it.

The judge said he recognized the situation had been brought about by overwork and lack of proper rest and recreation. In such circumstances Lord Spens had taken to gambling to relieve his boredom.

Lord Spens had become a compulsive gambler, the judge said. Mitchell said the money, taken between 1968 and 1973, belonged to the constituent members of the federation, which included about 40 carpet companies.

The federation, which aimed to promote the woven carpet industry on a national level, employed as accountants, Fuller, Jenks and Beecroft, of which Lord Spens was a partner.

Lord Spens was appointed secretary of the Federation and in June, 1966, became director. He had complete control over the financial affairs and administration and his professional activities were exclusively confined to the federation's business.

A bank account was opened in the name of the British Carpet Centre. In the seven years covered by the charges a total of £184,620 in cash was withdrawn from the account. Of that, £151,300 was unaccounted for but, counsel said, Lord Spens claimed £25,000 of this went on legitimate expenses. He was unable to provide documentary evidence.

Mr Mitchell said Fuller, Jenks and Beecroft had fully reimbursed the British Carpet Federation. They in turn had recovered £14,451 from credit standing to Lord Spens, and received £125,542 from their underwriters.

Mr Jeremy Hutchinson, QC, for the defence, said the federation's development had been entirely the creation of Lord Spens. There came a time when he could not cope with the obligations which had come through his own enthusiasm and hard work.

Lord Spens had attempted suicide at one stage. "He succeeded in his bid as a reluctant peer last year. He has no intention of taking up his seat because of his totally modest way of life and background. He has no ideas of grandeur."

The judge was told that as director of the federation Lord Spens earned between £8,000 and £10,000 a year. Having regard to the cash unaccounted for, he was spending an additional £20,000 a year.

Front call off meeting after Marxist warning

The National Front yesterday abandoned plans to hold an election meeting in Red Lion Square, London, after the threat of a "counter-mobilization" by the International Marxist Group.

Neither Mr Martin Webster, the National Front's chief organizer, who cancelled the booking, nor Mr Peter Cadogan, general secretary of the South Place Ethical Society, which owns the hall, would comment.

Mr David Bailey, an IMG organizer, who had promised that the election meeting would be picketed, said last night: "This is a victory over the National Front and we reiterate that we do not think they should have any freedom to agitate."

Murder charge remand

Jack Smith, aged 64, an unemployed press operator, of Bedford Road, Northampton, was remanded in custody for a week at Northampton yesterday accused of murdering Mr Roger Tipping, a factory manager.

Mr Tipping, aged 34, of Whitefield Road, Northampton died instantly when he was shot at work on Thursday.

Taxis block town

A line of 20 taxis which held up traffic in Peterborough yesterday in protest against shortage of ranks ended at the town hall, where the drivers banded in a petition to the city council.

University building sought for homeless students

Oxford University Students' Union has called for a large university building to be made available for students who may be homeless when term starts on October 13.

Mr Gareth Daniel, the union president, made the request in a letter to the proctors. He suggested the Examination Schools, in High Street, or the lifley Road sports stadium.

"Once again the start of term accommodation crisis is upon Oxford University. This year the situation seems worse than ever, with more homeless students and less accommodation to house them," he said.

The OUSU proposal would not provide a permanent solution, but it would at least guarantee that homeless students would have a roof over their heads while they looked around for somewhere more permanent.

Mr Dermot Roaf, senior proctor, said that the Hebdenwood Council, the university cabinet, would consider the request on Monday, and would probably have a report from the

GENERAL ELECTION

Mr Jenkins sees EEC renegotiation in new light

By Our Political Editor

Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary and Labour's leading Europeanist, admitted yesterday that he now felt he was wrong two years ago in not realizing "there was a substantial scope for renegotiation" of the terms of United Kingdom membership of EEC.

Mr Jenkins resigned the deputy leadership of the Labour Party on the issue of a referendum. Asked to comment on his attitude to a referendum, Mr Jenkins said that the renegotiation, while far from complete, showed signs of going well.

Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, had made considerable progress, and "I am optimistic, without prejudging the result, that a position will come out which will be more favourable to this country and more helpful to the Community generally."

It had been an advantage that the Labour Government had approached the renegotiation at a moment of flux in the Community: "I am a strong supporter of the renegotiations and believe they have a real chance of success."

He had always made clear he did not like referenda, but he would be in grave difficulties if it were alluded in as a feature of British life. But "I accept on a broader plane the desirability of reconciling British public opinion to membership of EEC."

Mr Jenkins made clear that he would not leave politics if the people's verdict in the ballot box was against EEC membership, but he would resign from the Cabinet: "I am saying that if to my regret the British people decide, as they are absolutely right to do, just as I believe it is right to say in Europe, 'I do not think it would be sensible with all the responsibility of a member of the Cabinet to stay in the Cabinet'."

Scottish Tories to make late change in strategy

From Ronald Faux, Glasgow

The Scottish Conservative Party is to change its strategy during the final week of the election campaign to meet the challenge of the nationalists.

This decision was announced yesterday in Glasgow by Mr Edward Taylor, a vice-chairman of the party, after an ORC poll showed support for the Scottish National Party standing at 28 per cent and the nationalists as the second most popular party in Scotland. This is a position previously firmly held by the Tories.

At a press conference Mr Taylor admitted that the result of the poll was a matter of serious concern. In the final week of the campaign the party would need to change their emphasis in their campaign strategy. Up to now they had concentrated on pointing out the dangers of a socialist majority government. The Tories would now have to concentrate on putting across to the electorate the consequences of Scotland becoming independent.

The third-force parties now attack majority

By Professor Richard Rose

Third-force parties now attract the largest section of popular support in Scotland according to a special poll by Opinion Research Centre published in The Times yesterday.

Together, the Scottish National Party and the Liberals are favoured by 39 per cent of the electorate, 1 per cent more than favour the Labour Party. The Conservatives, with 22 per cent, have 11 per cent less support than in last February's ballot.

Because the number reporting uncertain voting intentions is increasing and because interviews were conducted in Scotland from September 26-29, there is the opportunity for the present profile of preferences to change significantly before election day.

At a minimum the findings show that Scotland is closer to a four-party system than a two-party system. In February, Labour and Conservative candidates between them won 70 per cent of the Scottish vote. The latest ORC figures indicate that today the two parties are supported by 60 per cent of Scottish electors.



A balancing act by Mr Heath during lunch with Mr Winston Churchill, Conservative candidate for Stretford, in Manchester yesterday.

Mr Callaghan sticks to realities

By Arthur Osman

Mr Callaghan, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was a late starter in the campaign because of an official visit to the United States, where he was rota chairman of the Security Council.

It was a journey which has since helped to flesh out in great detail speeches he has made in the north and the Midlands. It enabled him to stress the benefits of some time to the interdependence of the world and the urgent need for a wider perspective to be shown in Britain of world events.

Mr Callaghan, a seasoned performer, has legs reduced by a strong following wind taking him home to the hustings, made the transition from Presidential talks to downtown Cardiff to the hinterland of the docks with more resilience and aplomb than most would have shown in the circumstances.

This was also true of his first public meeting in a local school in the Grangetown district a few hours later. It was attended by four children, sticky-fingered but well behaved, and 12 adults, all of them party stalwarts.

Mr Callaghan has repeatedly stressed "we are more than ever one world" with nations depending more and more on each other.

Inevitably the social contract has been a dominant feature. His warning on the element of wage claims was spelled out clearly at Brighton when he said: "The people of this country, if they want to overcome inflation, will not pass their wage claims to a position at an exorbitant level. If they do, it is no good expecting the Government to cure inflation. It is a two-way traffic, a band between us. It is also a test of democracy that we should do it, and I believe we will."

The EEC has naturally occupied a good deal of his attention and time, and has added a wealth of factual detail to speeches for people who have confessed they are still confused about the issues.

Fight for 39 vital marginals: Part 12

Chorley

Description

Made up of two medium-sized industrial towns plus a large agricultural area stretching southwards from the Preston boundary, this has always been regarded as a marginal constituency, though seldom perched on quite such a knife-edge as was created by February's result.

Both Chorley itself and Leyland are somewhat utilitarian in character, although these days Leyland appears to be the more dynamic of the two, with the spending power emanating from the famous BLMC lorry and bus works, extending in smart new houses to a spacious civic centre, and a well-appointed trades and labour club.

BLMC's Leyland Motors is the biggest single employer in the area, with about 10,000 families dependent on it.

There are some residual units of the cotton industry, which once formed the mainstay of Chorley's economy, but most earnings come from a mixed bag of small firms serving the Royal Ordnance factory at Euxton which employs about 2,000 people.

February result

Table with 2 columns: Candidate and Votes. Includes: Electorate 74,349; Rodgers, G. (Lab) 25,440; Monks, Mrs. M. (C) 25,035; O'Call, Mrs. N. (L) 12,652; Lab majority 405.

Keighley

Description

In the valley of the River Aire, a stone's throw from the bleak windswept moorland of the Broth's country, Keighley is a hard urban town founded like so many of its near neighbours on the textile industry which still provides employment for the majority of work-people—about 8,000.

Its industries are unpretentious and are often scaled down versions of those existing in the larger centres. Unemployment is not a great problem, running as it is at 2.8 per cent, the same as the national average.

Two blows have hit Keighley in recent years. The town's biggest single employer, Magnet Ironery, has gone on short-time working for its 1,200 staff, and one mill, a casualty of reorganization in textiles, has had to close, putting 200 out of work.

Spinning is the principal occupation of most Keighley mills. Recently the price of wool has led to restrictions on spinning. Also a shortage of orders has resulted in spinners not committing themselves to work which they may not sell.

On the other hand, the man-made fibre industry has spread to Keighley and other diversified areas includes engineering, which employs about 7,000. Distribution trades provide work for 2,000 people. In the service industries there are about 3,500 employed, including 1,400 at the impressive new Airedale General Hospital.

The Peter Black company, which makes plastic bags and slippers, employs some 1,100 people and maintains a healthy export trade.

The Keighley textile industry includes companies that scour wool and produce "tops", spin and yarn, and weave it into cloth. Unfortunately, they are not all owned by the same people so the benefits of full integration may not be realized.

February result

Table with 2 columns: Candidate and Votes. Includes: Electorate 51,284; Cryer, G. R. (Lab) 18,597; Hall, Miss J. V. (C) 17,717; Whitaker, W. K. (L) 7,820; Binn, J. (Soc Dem) 348; Lab majority 878.

Only one in four wants coalition, poll shows

Only one in four voters favour a coalition government drawn from the three main parties as the best method for dealing with the country's problems. More voters seem to prefer a Labour government to any alternative. These are some of the conclusions of a special survey for The Times, carried out by Opinion Research Centre.

There is relatively little enthusiasm for a Conservative government and even less for a Liberal/Conservative government. The accompanying table gives the percentages expressing a preference for each of the various alternatives.

The confidence of Labour supporters in their own party, presumably as a result of Mr Wilson's firm assertion that he will not consider cooperation with any other grouping is striking and accounts for almost all those opting for a Labour Government.

Conservatives, on the other hand, are divided between a full coalition, a Liberal/Conservative compact, and a Conservative government.

The survey also asked voters to nominate the man most suitable to lead a coalition. All answers were spontaneously given without any prompting or suggestion of possible candidates.

It is interesting that neither Mr Wilson nor Mr Heath had much appeal outside his own party, whereas Mr Thorpe's support was more widely spread, as was Mr Powell's among the small minority who thought he would be best.

All figures given in the tables are percentages. The survey was based on a representative quota sample of 1,555 electors, interviewed throughout Britain between September 26 and 28.

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Q-Which one of these would you most like to see as the result of the general election?

Table with 5 columns: All voters, C, Lab, Lib, Uncommitted. Rows include: Lab government (33), Coalition government of all three parties (26), Cons government (15), Government of Cons and Libs (9), Government of Lab and Libs (6), None of these/Don't know (5).

Indicates less than 0.5 per cent.

Q. If we were to get a coalition government, who do you think would be the best man to lead it?

Table with 5 columns: All voters, C, Lab, L, Uncommitted. Rows include: Mr Wilson (24), Mr Thorpe (17), Mr Heath (12), Mr Whitelaw (10), Mr Powell (6), Mr Jenkins (5), Mr Callaghan (4), Mr Keith Joseph (3), Mr George Young (2), Sir Alec Douglas-Home (1).

Indicates less than 0.5 per cent.

Labour

Robert Cryer (39), technical college teacher, for Keighley in February. Educated at Salt High School, Shipley, and Hull University. Member of Keighley Borough Council since 1971. Member of the Transport and General Workers' Union, and the Association of Teachers in Technical Institutions.

Conservative

Barry Porter (35), solicitor, practising in Birkbehead, educated at local primary school, Birkbehead School, and University College, Oxford. Birkbehead councillor from 1967 to 1974, and chairman of planning committee. Fought Newton-le-Willows last February, and Liverpool, Scotland Exchange, at a by-election in 1971. Married, with four children.

Liberal

Neva Orrell (53), housewife, and former deputy head teacher of a primary school. Educated at Wigan High School for Girls and Brighton Municipal Training College. Former member of Leyland Urban District Council. Represents Leyland area of Lancashire County Council.

CFMPB

Harold Smith (56), the Campaigner for a More Prosperous Britain. Supported by Mr Tom Keene, an Oldham industrialist. Stood against Mr Wilson in February. A bachelor, he is standing simultaneously as a candidate in 12 constituencies.

Labour

Cyril Taylor (39), educated at St Marylebone GS, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and Harvard Business School. In 1970 general election was full-time personal assistant to Mr Spencer Le Marchant, MP in High Peak constituency. Chairman of American Institute for Foreign Study, fought Huddersfield, East, in 1974. Married to an American, one child.

Liberal

Margaret Holmstedt (31), part-time university lecturer, translator and writer. Swedish-born. Educated at Stockholm University, Miss Holmstedt is a former parliamentary secretary, Swedish Liberal Party. Attached at Swedish Embassy, London. President, World Federation of Liberal and Radical Youth, 1968-70. Wife of Michael Steed, Liberal candidate for Manchester, Central, in last election.

National Front

George Wright (47), director of building company. Former candidate in local elections. Keighley man, educated at Belle Vue GS, Bradford. Married, three children.

CFMPB

Charles William Deakin (35), haulage contractor, candidate for the Campaign for a More Prosperous Britain. Married, with four children. In February campaigned for Mr John Birt, Social Democratic and former Labour MP for Keighley, 1964-70. In past years assisted Conservative campaign.

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GENERAL ELECTION

Mr Heath spells out the reasons that have led him to propose a government dedicated to national unity

By George Hutchinson

As the election campaign enters its last decisive days it becomes vital to understand the distinction between Mr Heath and those who are opposing his call for a government of national unity.

It is so important a role that it will continue to be a tremendous internal job for two or three years to come. The significance of the crisis is not being able to improve the standard of living—already the standard of living of many groups in the country is falling—and not being able to improve their immediate aspirations, posing problems of getting people to understand the facts of the overall national crisis and how we are going to get the policies to deal with the crisis and how they are fair as between groups in the community. This is a tremendous job.

Of the groups within the community who "want to use their strength and whose actions would be considered unfair by the rest," he said: "Once you get into this situation, then everyone is attempting to follow, and you get into difficulties of dealing with inflation and all its consequences. That leads him, with reflective logic, to his national unity theme.

answer for them in their individual lives? What has happened during the past decade was that on great issues of policy such as Europe and incomes and prices, governments had overthrown in opposition everything they had been doing in government.

blood transfusion of people who have experience in dealing with these practical matters. We brought them in last time at lower levels and achieved a considerable amount.

Sir Keith's firm line on permissive society

By Our Political Staff

Sir Keith Joseph, the Shadow Home Secretary, last night in Northumberland gave the first full development to the policies he would follow if he succeeded in Mr Jenkins as Home Secretary in a week's time.

WEST EUROPE

M Chirac introduces plan to replace oil as energy source

From Charles Harrover Paris, Oct 4

The weather this autumn is definitely not on the side of the Government. Yesterday was the coldest October 3 in Paris in more than a century.

cul period during which it will be essential for us to make very substantial economies," he said. What the Government proposed was not a catalogue of "provisional or piecemeal measures"—which is precisely what it is accused of having done—but an overall policy.

Cooler look at plan to televise NEDC

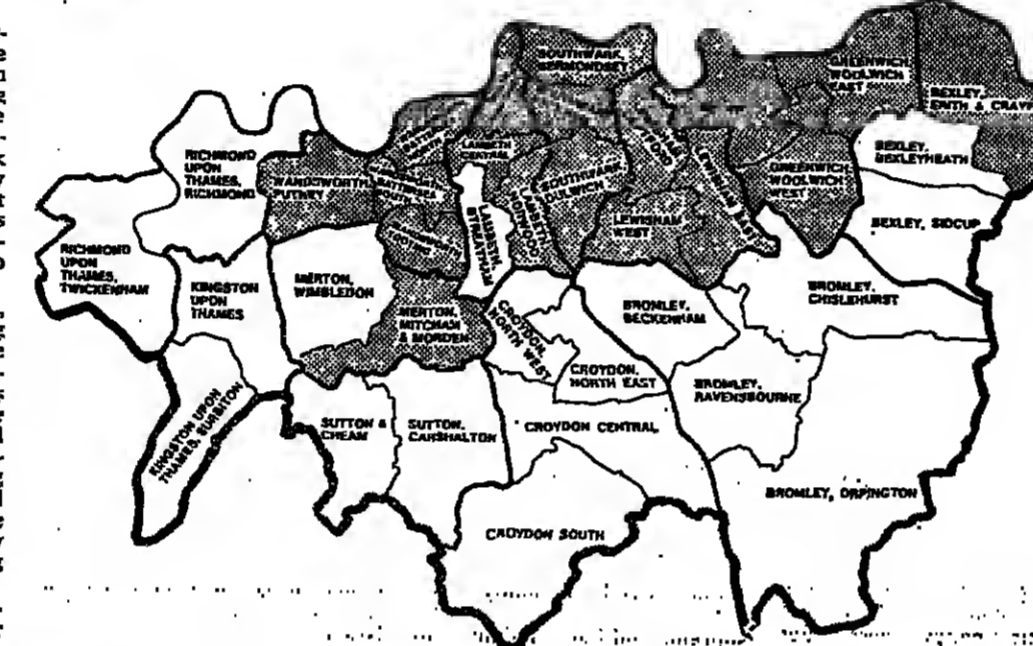
By George Clark Political Correspondent

All three party leaders are in favour of the broadcasting of Parliament and when the new session begins, whichever government is in power, it is expected that an early move will be made to test the opinion of the 635 newly-elected MPs.

Worried Londoners and the Pakistani who wants to get away from it all Suburban grumbles south of the Thames

By Diana Geddes

It is one common characteristic to be found among the highly diversified two million voters in south London during this campaign, it is in the impression they give of bewildered sheep caught in a thick grey fog, which they would probably describe as "sexless".



The South London constituencies: shaded areas are held by Labour, white by Conservative.

agents, while maintaining that their particular vote is holding firm, admit that they too are surprised by the large numbers of undecided voters, which are a week to go before polling day.

attack this time on Orpington, where Lady Avebury, wife of the former Eric Lubbock, Liberal MP for the constituency from 1962-70, is standing for the first time in Sutton and Cheam, where Graham Topc whose 7,417 by-election majority was turned into a 1,719 Conservative majority in February, is standing again; and on Richmond where the Liberals increased their share of the vote in the last election from the 16.9 per cent they polled in 1970 to 35.6 per cent.



Lady Avebury: Contesting Orpington for the Liberals.

Unemployment no answer, Chancellor maintains

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printing money or increased taxation. Across Smith Square at Conservative Central Office, Mr Prior, the shadow Employment Minister, anticipated Mr Wilson's assessment of the spectre of mounting unemployment.

Parental education rights emphasized

By Our Political Correspondent

"We hope to end the attitude among a minority of education officials who either regard parents as irrelevant pests, to be brushed aside, or as the painful prerequisite for children and nothing else," Mr St John-Stevens, Conservative spokesman on education, said yesterday.

Election notebook

They were not quite giving the cattle away with Green Shield stamps at the Guildford market, but at times they were not far off it. Bulls that had cost £18 a cwt to rear, taking no account of interest on capital, were going for £13 a cwt.

Increasing desperation down on the farm

Philip Howard

calves last September, when the price fell below £35 a head, and he was losing a ridiculous amount on every calf he sold. He says: "I would not get £10 a head at Guildford now. I just think it would be wrong to sell at today's prices. I am lucky that I have enough buildings to carry all last autumn and spring's calf crop through the winter, fatten them, and hope that prices improve. But on less lucky farms a lot of cattle are going to die of starvation this winter; and there could be a year ago with a year's less feeding inside the bills and leaving the land derelict."

Rejection of church by young worries Synod

From Our Correspondent Rome, Oct 4

Roman Catholic bishops from many parts of the world have reported to the Synod here that growing numbers of young people believe that the institutional church hides the face of God instead of being His love.

Inflation dims Bavarian beer festival

Munich, Oct 4

Inflation has hit brewers' profits at the Bavarian beer festival which ends on Sunday. Bartenders totting up their takings at the Oktober fest over the past 13 days complained today that they would be left with about 220,000 gallons of beer on their hands.

Outcry over Nobel Prize award to Swedes

From Our Correspondent Stockholm, Oct 4

The Swedish Academy today faced criticism from the Stockholm literary world for the selection yesterday of two of its own members, Harry Martinson and Eyvind Johnson, for the 1974 Nobel Prize for Literature.

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WEST EUROPE AND OVERSEAS

Mr Ford to warn American people of belt-tightening and say that the economic burden must be shared

Washington, Oct 4.—President Ford is to address a joint session of Congress next Tuesday with his long-awaited battle plan against inflation, recession and the energy crisis. Announcing this today the White House spokesman stated that the President would call for sacrifice and prescribe unpleasant medicine. No details were volunteered in advance except what Mr Ford would not do.

Mr Nixon loses control of tapes

Washington, Oct 4.—The Senate this afternoon voted overwhelmingly to prevent Mr Nixon from controlling and deleting his Watergate tape recordings. The vote of 85-7 in favour of a Bill preserving the tapes for public access came as the former President left hospital in Long Beach, California. He had stayed 11 days for tests and treatment of his phlebitis. A doctor said there were no further complications beyond the blood clot being successfully treated in the lung.

Besieged guerrillas offer fails to elicit response

Santo Domingo, Oct 4.—The siege at the Venezuelan Consulate, where urban guerrillas and their seven hostages are cooped-up on meagre rations, entered its second week today. There was no sign of any response from the Government of the Dominican Republic to the guerrillas' offer yesterday to end the siege. They are now calling only for the release of a small number of political prisoners and asylum in Mexico or Peru.

Japan's nuclear ship not to be scrapped

Tokyo, Oct 4.—The Japanese Government denied today that it was planning to scrap the country's first nuclear-powered ship Mutsu, which has been drifting in the Pacific for a month. The newspapers had reported that the Government had decided to convert the vessel into a conventional cargo ship.

British journalist rejects Brazilian charges

Buenos Aires, Oct 4.—A British journalist charged with terrorism in Brazil has said in Buenos Aires that the accusation was an attempt to blacken his name and hinder him from continuing his work as a journalist. Mr Timothy Ross, who has been working for a number of years as a freelance reporter in South America, said in a statement yesterday: "If the accusations were not so serious they would seem absurd to the point of hilarity."

tougher policies could be contemplated, but the President has been under enormous pressure not to delay tackling the economy a day longer. Since the Stock Market has plunged, inflation has accelerated, and unemployment has increased. It is hardly his fault, but despite the greatest display of continental-wide economic consultation seen in recent history he is now being criticized for doing nothing.

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Buddhist nuns chase loudspeaker van

Saigon, Oct 4.—Senator Vu Van Mau, the head of the Buddhist-supported National Reconciliation Movement, in a signed statement today called on President Nguyen Van Thieu to resign for the sake of national concord. Buddhist nuns demonstrated in the streets against the Government today. At one point about 12 nuns broke away from a march and chased a loudspeaker van through the city centre after it tried to drown protest speeches with loud music.

How Britain aids Africans from Rhodesia

Gaborone on Tuesday to Lusaka in Zambia, and from there, yesterday, to London in a combined exercise organized by the Commonwealth Secretariat in cooperation with the Ministry of Overseas Development and voluntary agencies. The Ministry arranged for British passports and full scholarship support, relaxing its normal rule that Rhodesian students must be in Britain before being considered for support. The voluntary agencies contributed the air fares.

Chile announces release of 386 prisoners

Santiago, Oct 4.—The Chilean military Government has announced that it has released 386 political prisoners in the past 23 days and is now holding only 748. General Cesar Benavides, the Interior Minister, said on television last night that he was announcing the figures to counter what he claimed were exaggerated foreign reports. He added that the Government will "in a matter of days" free nearly all political prisoners not yet processed through the military or civilian courts.—Reuter and AP.

towards deflation, which would have severe consequences for all exporters to the United States. The warning about belt-tightening is seen in contrast here to the proposals for post-election deflation by Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer. After a week of high-level discussion motters of discontent with Mr Healey are emerging, notably at the Federal Reserve Board. The Chancellor's proposal for the IMF recycling facility (under further study or pigeonholed, depending on viewpoint) is said to be deeply suspect in the Administration.

Australia ends panic by easing credit squeeze

Melbourne, Oct 4.—A measure of confidence returned to the Australian business community today as the Federal Government relaxed the credit squeeze. Share prices rallied on Australian stock exchanges, the pressure on building societies was lifted and business returned to normal. In Adelaide, Mr Durston, the Premier of South Australia, said that people who yesterday joined queues outside a leading building society to withdraw their money were today again in queues anxious to place back on deposit the money they had withdrawn.

U.S honour for Solzhenitsyn

Washington, Oct 4.—The Senate today approved a resolution which would make the dissident Soviet writer Mr Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn an honorary citizen of the United States. If the House of Representatives agrees to the measure, passed without debate or opposition in the Senate, Mr Solzhenitsyn will be the third person so honoured. The first was the Marquis de Lafayette for his aid in the revolutionary war and the second was Sir Winston Churchill.—Reuter.

Clemency sought for two Britons

The Government has continued to press for clemency for Miss Susan Ballantine and Mr Alan Watson, the British subjects who are each serving terms of five years' imprisonment in East Germany for trying to help East German friends to escape.



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Ramsey, joins young people in singing religious songs to guitar accompaniment at a picnic near Buenos Aires during his South American tour.

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New Israel protest on UN Palestine debate

New York, Oct 4.—The Israel Foreign Minister, made a new protest at the United Nations last night over the debate which is planned on Palestine. He attacked the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and said that Israel would refuse to accept any resolution which conceded its demands. "A debate on this matter," Mr Allon said, "cannot fail to poison the international atmosphere. Acceptance of the PLO demands may well condemn the prospects of the negotiating process to failure, just when the first ray of light has been glimpsed on the horizon."

Pakistan to lose \$300m by Tarbela dam failure

Pakistan's economic loss as a result of damage to the Tarbela dam is estimated at about \$300m (£130m), Mr Bhutto, the Prime Minister, disclosed today after holding talks with foreign consultants, experts and World Bank officials. American and other foreign experts have been holding meetings at the dam, 70 miles north of Rawalpindi, to evaluate the loss to the \$1,000m hydroelectric end agrarian project in its final stages of construction. Mr Bhutto said the dam, which cost \$1,000m, was built to generate electricity and to irrigate 1.5 million acres of land. The dam is now 70% complete.

Egyptian family is charged with selling secrets

Cairo, Oct 4.—A family of five will stand trial before the supreme military tribunal tomorrow on charges of spying for Israel, the Middle East news agency said today. The agency said the accused were Mr Ibrahim Said Shabin, a Palestinian who has been working in the Egyptian nuclear power department in Sinai, his wife, Mrs Iashrah Ali Musri—an Egyptian—and their three sons Nabil, Muhammad and Adel. According to the report the family had modern transmission equipment worth \$100,000 (£42,000) of a type only used by the United States and the Soviet Union. The agency said Mr Shabin, who had been given the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Israel Army, was arrested on August 15. His wife who had been given the rank of a lieutenant in the

Shah discusses 'ocean of peace'

Delhi, Oct 4.—The Shah of Iran ended his three-day visit to Delhi today after talks with Mrs Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, covering security and economic and cultural cooperation. A statement conveyed the two leaders' unity of view on the Indian Ocean as "a zone of peace free from great power rivalry, tension and escalation".

Moscow artists want to hold indoor exhibition

Moscow, Oct 4.—Organizers of the abstract art show in a Moscow park last Sunday have formally requested permission to hold another officially approved exhibition in December this time indoors. Alexander Glazer, an artist and collector, said today that he and two other artists, Alexander Rabin and Yevgeny Rukhin, had formed a permanent committee to plan the exhibition. An application had been made to the Moscow city authorities. "We believe that two months is enough time for them to consider our request to find an appropriate place for the exhibition", Mr Glazer said.

Peru rescue teams search for earthquake victims

Lima, Oct 4.—The death toll in a violent earthquake that rocked central Peru for 100 seconds yesterday was expected to rise today as rescuers searched for bodies among the debris of wrecked homes. The Government said last night that the earthquake, which rose to force 8 on the 12-point Mercalli scale, killed 44 people and injured more than 800. Newspaper reports said the final casualty toll was likely to climb to more than 60 dead and more than 1,000 injured. The earthquake caused panic among the four million inhabitants of Lima and in outlying towns, and was followed by a series of minor tremors throughout the day. Another tremor hit Lima early today, but it appeared to do little damage. The earthquake had its epicentre some 40 miles off the coast and caused most damage in coastal areas. The sea was sucked some 200 yards from the shoreline and sent crashing back onto the beaches in a gigantic tidal wave swamping dozens of small craft, eye witnesses reported. In the capital, more than 1,000 homes were reported to have been destroyed. Twenty churches of the colonial era were damaged, and the roof of the eighteenth-century church of Santa Maria Magdalena caved in.—Reuter.

Portuguese plea to foreign press

Lisbon, Oct 4.—Dr Mario Soares, the Foreign Minister, urged foreign correspondents today to report on Portuguese affairs "with good faith and understanding". He said a great effort was being made to implant democracy and Portugal was not on the brink of a communist coup, he pleaded. "Do not get led astray by sensationalism." The minister invited foreign correspondents and press attaches from embassies to ask questions, to which he replied readily. He said that Admiral Rosa Coutinho, the head of the governing junta of Angola, had arrived in Lisbon and given the Cabinet a briefing on the situation there. The question of independence for each parcel of Portuguese overseas territory would be dealt with separately. Asked how widespread was the alleged plot to assassinate General Spínola, the minister said that the former President could have been murdered. He did not produce any concrete evidence. Regarding politics, he said an opposition was an "absolute

Cypriot leader decides not to resign

Nicosia, Oct 4.—Mr Glafkos Clerides, the acting President of Cyprus, ended the uncertainty over his leadership today by declaring his intention to continue in office. He said that although he had seriously considered resigning in the last few days public support from Archbishop Makarios and the Greek Prime Minister had changed his mind. His decision ends a week of political cliffhanging in the Greek camp in Cyprus. It began with Mr Clerides' decision to call a halt to his talks with Mr Rauf Denktaş, the Turkish Cypriot leader, on humanitarian principles. Mr Clerides then made it clear that unless Archbishop Makarios stood publicly behind him and restrained his supporters, the island from campaigning for his return he would give up. Although the affair was carefully state-managed it had caused considerable concern among the Greek Cypriot community. Mr Clerides is the only man capable of leading the Greek Cypriots at this stage of the crisis facing them. In his statement today, Mr Clerides pointed out that he took over as President of Cyprus in a "historic hour" and when it was "facilitating immediate danger of complete destruction". This was a heavy responsibility and the sole determining factor behind his decision was "for the sake of the island". However, for reasons relating solely to the national interests he was prompted in the last few days to "orient myself towards resigning from any political office". Listing the factors which clouded his mind, Mr Clerides said foremost among them were the messages of public support from the Archbishop and Mr Keramellis. But they also included the support of the Cyprus House of Representatives and of the people of Cyprus. Clearly, the decisive factor was yesterday's message from Archbishop Makarios, his second this week. In it, the Archbishop declared that Mr Clerides enjoyed his confidence in the political negotiations he was carrying out with the Turks. Although few believe that this is the final chapter and that it is in fact only the first round in the tussle over leadership in the island, there is no doubt that Mr Clerides' position has been strengthened. Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: "The British Government have received Mr Clerides' decision with relief. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office spokesman said that it was hoped that the talks in Cyprus could soon be resumed."

Second failure to form Turkish Cabinet

Ankara, Oct 4.—Mr Sulcorman Demirel, the Justice Party leader, today became the second Prime Minister designate in a week in report failure in his attempt to form a coalition government. Like Mr Bulent Ecevit, the outgoing Prime Minister and leader of the left-wing Republican People's Party, Mr Demirel said that he could not put together a coalition without the cooperation of the right-wing Democratic Party. After a meeting with Mr Ferruh Buzeyli, the leader of the Democrats, Mr Demirel said: "The Democratic Party has rejected participation in a coalition government with us. Buzeyli's reply has removed any possibility of my forming a government."—UPI.

British couple held at border

Perpignan, Oct 4.—A British couple were arrested at the Franco-Spanish customs post of Perpignan near Perpignan today and charged with trying to smuggle currency into France. The police alleged that Derrick Smith, aged 28, and his wife Margaret, 30, of Stamford, Essex, had travelled with cheques on them to the value of 150,000 francs and £1,500.—Agence France Presse.



# von Stroheim and La Grande Illusion

by Jean Renoir

Everything was "unorthodox" about *La Grande Illusion*—to start with, the way in which the idea came to me. To explain this I must go back to the year 1915, when a wound I sustained while fighting as a Chasseur Alpin led me, after vicissitudes, to join flying-squadron C 64.

This squadron was sent out on a variety of missions. It was an army, that is to say, an all-purpose, squadron. We kept observation on the German lines in our sector, supplying the cartographic service with photographs of the enemy positions. We were also at the disposal of the gentlemen of the General Staff when they felt like enjoying the thrill of an incursion into enemy skies.

Our captain's aircraft had been shot down and lay burning in a large French village. Finding a gap in the clouds we swooped down on the village. But the Germans had installed some highly efficient AA defences. I was caught in a barrage and had only just time to seek cloud cover. I came out of it determined to give the staff scribbles, now famous for their a burst or two of machine-gun fire.

It was soon over. The Spad got on the rail of the Focke, gave it a burst and then climbed to repeat the attack. That vertical climb left me breathless with admiration. Meanwhile the Focke was heling black smoke. It went into a spin and crashed on a small hill on top of which there was a chapel. I have to mention the chapel because of my feeling that we owed the timely appearance of our rescuer to the intercession of some saint.

on the senior officer, and ask him to send his planes elsewhere. The duty-officer passed us on to a captain who allowed us into the office of the General Officer in Command. Directly I set eyes on this important personage I had a feeling that I had seen him before. It was Pissard. He had won a general's star and lost his moustache. General Pissard took the necessary steps to enable me to shoot Toni with the company being indebted by the noise of his aircraft, and we got into the habit of dining together whenever we were free. He told me about his wartime adventures. He had been shot down seven times by the Germans and every time had managed to land safely. Also, on all seven occasions he had escaped from imprisonment. The story of his escapes seemed to me a good basis for an adventure film, and with this in mind I made notes of what seemed to me the most typical details and filed them away.

Later I talked to Charles Spaak, who was enthusiastic about the idea and helped me to make a first sketch of what was destined, after minor changes, to become *La Grande Illusion*. Most of the changes were due to the arrival of a heavyweight on the scene—Erich von Stroheim.

Koch was married to Lotte Reiniger, who was the creator of some wonderful shadow-show films. Catherine Hessling and I made their acquaintance when her masterpiece, *Prince Achmed*, was being shown in Paris. We became great friends and worked together on a number of film projects.

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Music

Picking the winners in Jerusalem



Artur Schnabel with the prizewinners: Emanuel Ax, Seta Tanyel, Janna Fialkowska and Eugene Indric.

Musical competitions have always been a hotbed of controversy, and the Jerusalem International Piano Competition was no exception. The winners were chosen from a field of 12 pianists, including Artur Schnabel, Emanuel Ax, Seta Tanyel, Janna Fialkowska and Eugene Indric.

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The other winners were also highly talented pianists. Emanuel Ax, a young pianist from the United States, won the second prize. Seta Tanyel, a pianist from Israel, won the third prize. Janna Fialkowska, a pianist from Canada, won the fourth prize. Eugene Indric, a pianist from the Soviet Union, won the fifth prize.

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William Mann

**Drink Vintage mail order**

There is nothing new about buying wine by post. Anyone can order from a list, and if they read the small print at the beginning and end, certain price advantages as to quantity and other discounts will usually be found to be available. But the purchase of case lots specifically chosen to be sent by post is definitely a marketing method of the 1970s and one in which I have been involved.

Mail order purchases can be selected at home and delivered without the buyer doing anything except write the cheque. The cost of labour, cartons and despatch can add from between £1.30 up to £1.70 to the cost of the wine; if the case includes a price list, tasting notes then additional costs obviously have to be included, one way or another. The buyer gets the case of wine—it is seldom economic to send less—brought to his door; if he is away, then any profit may be lost if a van has to make more than the single call. Firms who undertake carriage for the wine establishments may refuse to make several calls. (If you can't take your wine in when it arrives, then you should specify an address that can receive it—the suggestion that it can be left on the doorstep, or delivered to a chummy response whose claims are made about non-delivery or breakages.) At present, carriers may reasonably take up to three weeks to deliver orders.

It may be possible for a case

of wine selected for purchase by post to be offered at a price lower than that paid over the counter. But this is not always so. G. F. Grant, who, as wine merchants to Diners Club, have probably unparalleled experience in this field, stresses that although it may be practicable to offer bin ends or remnants for mail order, a case of wine by mail order is not necessarily a "bargain". Certain wines may be suggested at a seasonal or special period by a mailed list. Members of Diners may get wine racks or books offered as well. G. F. Grant (37 Tooley Street, SE1) are emphatic that any firm offering wine by mail order must have the stocks up to potential demand—a small firm may—and that confidence and trust must be from the buyer as well as the merchant. If you wish to complain about a wine, you are entitled to do so, but do not admit that you have drunk it up and cannot return a faulty bottle.

Most recent of mail order operations is that of Mary Quant (Wine Shippers), operating from 20 St Swinton's Lane, EC4, and offering what, in my opinion, is an initial unimaginative three-wine, Bordeaux, dry, demi-sec and Cotes du Rhone, which can be bought by the whole or half case and which are accompanied by a rather fancy sheet of notes. This firm has a Master of Wine on their board and it seems fair to comment to say that, although someone who is a known personality may enjoy and know quite a lot about wine for their own purposes, it does not mean that enthusiasm to a wide public. The claim made by many firms that their mail order offers provide the chance to "buy direct" prompts the query "Direct from whom or what?"

Any firm shipping—and many merchants are also shippers—must, obviously, "buy direct" from producers. True, an individual may import a small quantity which can be offered at a lowish price. But the big firm will not only have the facilities for handling a wide range, but can control the quality of the wines at source, whether they are Grants of St James, who represent in the United Kingdom the firm of Nicholas, the biggest merchants in the world, Laytons (11 Gough Square, EC4) who have their own bottling plant in Burgundy, or Avey's of Bristol, one of the best-known of independent wine merchants. Recently they sold over 3,000 cases of half bottles of fine chateau in an offer in magazine.

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Ken Campbell: a thicker mix



"It suddenly seemed a good idea to come back into a proper theatre for a bit", says Ken Campbell, who is playing the part of a writer in his own play...

Ann Peebles The Rainbow Room

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Philip Norman
Applause in this sylvan cafe is always a little suspect...

Albert Herring Sadler's Wells

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William Mann
It always seems curious that, of all Benjamin Britten's operas...

Guide to Ragtime

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There are ragtime freaks who would have you believe that ragtime is indeed quite complex...

PURCELL ROOM

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THE SEVERALTY BARVON TRIO

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NORMAN SHETLER piano

# von Stroheim and La Grande Illusion

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that the population, migrating towards the cathedrals in the big cities, began the steady exodus from country to town; and those modest mortuaries, bereft of its incense and flowers, were used as barns and stables. Koch and I drove back from the south through the lovely Beaujolais country. He asked me to make a detour to look at a statue in a Roman church. We pulled up outside a dimly lit little chapel freshly roofed with the glaring red of mass-produced tiles. Koch was thinking of nothing but his statue. He marched in, and finding his way amid pews and pulpit went unobtrusively to a statue of St Joseph carrying a lamb in his arms. I was then treated to the lecture I had been hoping for. It was altogether fascinating, and for more than an hour I lived in the shadow of Anne de Beaujeu. But what had most impressed me was the certainty with which Koch had found the statue, which he had never before set eyes on.

For a brief period in his life, Koch had been principal of a nursery school. To see that respectable gentleman down on his knees helping a young pupil to build a clay fortress, was a surprising sight. He maintained that this game was more stimulating to the mind of a five-year-old child than any amount of manufactured toys. He explained the use of the mounds and towers, and then, lying on his stomach, he launched an attack of toy soldiers. When the attack was defeated by pain he took advantage of the circumstances to declare his belief in the influence of weather on earthly affairs.

On another occasion I watched him explaining the formation of valleys in mountainous country with the help of watering-cans of which the contents were poured over a

heap of sand. That sand-heap played a large part in his method of teaching. Koch was a universal spirit, something like the eighteenth-century philosopher. He was a friend of Bertold Brecht, and it was through him that I had the privilege of knowing that remarkable poet, artist in logic and masterly organizer. The *Der Ring des Nibelungen* has just opened with great success in Berlin.

My meetings with Brecht often took place in my home in Maydon, which provided him with a perfect setting. The house had been built on the remains of a convent destroyed during the Revolution. Brecht would come accompanied by his secretary, a young Berlin woman who brought with her, not a typewriter but one of those small hexagonal accordions that are, I think called "concertinas". Hans Eisler, Kurt Weill and Lotte Lenya would also come along. Brecht would ask me to sing old French songs. I sing very badly and have no voice. This did not worry Brecht in the least. The secretary picked up the tune on her concertina. That was the origin of certain songs that became world successes.

There was a certain affinity between Brecht and Koch. Both had the same love of paradox. Physically they were at opposite poles. Brecht was a lean German with an ascetic tendency. Koch was a plump German who enjoyed his comforts, a gourmand as well as a gourmet (he taught me how to roast beef over an open fire), cultured to his finger-tips, unconcerned with politics but capable of doing a fine painting.

Koch, the pacifist, could explode in furious rages. Brecht was proud of having been born in Augsburg, a town which he claimed was of Celtic origin. Koch was a Rhinelander, that is to say, pure German. They both agreed to

denouncing the Prussians as much more than it was those northerners, those impatient mythomaniacs, who were plunging the world into disaster.

During the shooting of *La Grande Illusion* the team was lodged in an inn near the castle. The inn-keeper, who was also a wine-grower, slaked our thirst with a particularly attractive but highly treacherous white wine. Koch had a dispute with Stroheim about the over-elaborate clothing of the actress playing the part of his hospital nurse. The argument became heated, with Stroheim defending the artist's right to transgress and Koch replying that he had not fought in the war and should therefore keep his mouth shut. Stroheim's answer was to call Koch a petty-bourgeois, an unjust accusation for Koch was an aristocrat in spirit. He stood up, intending to go for Stroheim, but the latter checked him with the lordly gesture of one of his own characters and stalked out. Koch, in a fury, flung his glass at him, but it arrived just too late and smashed against the door as Stroheim closed it behind him. Almost immediately afterwards the door was reopened to reveal Stroheim smiling at the joke and holding out another glass which he offered the dumbfounded Koch. Koch then went out to cool off. He was greatly upset by the episode, which emphasized the stylishness of Stroheim's world—the more so since Stroheim was his god.

We found Koch a little while later. He had fallen into a ditch and was groping for his spectacles on all fours in the snow. The adversaries were reconciled over glasses of white wine, and the underlying reason for their quarrel was buried. This was Stroheim's refusal to see the world as other than made in his own image: his godlike stance made

it difficult for him to come to terms with people. To complete the portrait of Erich von Stroheim I am bound to play stress upon his ingenueness. The ideal he sought to live up to might have been the invention of a passive reincarnation of the musketeer, but this would not have satisfied him. He wanted to resemble the Marquis de Sade. He had dreams of boundless luxury, perverse women, flagellation, sexual exploits, bacchanalia and drinking bouts.

One evening when he came to dine with us in Hollywood during the last war my wife, Dido, offered him a glass of Scotch. He checked her, saying, "No, please, the bottle." Dido put the bottle down beside him and turned to attend to D. W. Griffith, who was seated at the other end of the table. I had hoped to listen to an absorbing conversation between those two masters of the cinema, the more so since Stroheim had worked for Griffith as an actor, according to some people, or the other way round, according to others. But they ignored each other and the whole subject of cinema suddenly Dido noticed that Stroheim was turning green. This was the effect of the whisky, which he did not stand at all well, despite his notion of himself as a heavy drinker. She had just time to show him to the lavatory. An amusing detail is that Stroheim spoke scarcely any German. He had to study his lines like a schoolboy learning a foreign language. But in the eyes of the world he remains the perfect prototype of the German officer: his genius triumphed over the literal imitation of reality.

At the beginning of the shooting of *La Grande Illusion* Stroheim behaved intolerably. We had an argument about the opening scene in the German

army quarters. He refused to understand why I had not brought some prostitutes of an especially Viennese type into the scene. I was startled by my intense admiration for the Viennese girl, who I had an impossible passion for, at that moment. Because of my enthusiasm for his work that I was so frightened at a German for the banner of my profession. And now here he was my idol, acting in my film, and instead of the figure I found in the picture of the greatest artist. Neither Cézanne nor Van Gogh had good taste.

This dispute with Stroheim so distressed me that I burst into tears, which so affected him that there were tears in his own eyes. We fell into each other's arms, damping my sailor's smock and his German army-officer's tunic. I said, "I have so much respect for his talent that rather than quarrel with him I would give up directing the film. This led to further arguments and Stroheim would not budge. He would follow my instructions with a slavish docility. And he kept me word.

This is what I know about the beginnings of Erich von Stroheim. The source of my information is Carl Laemmle, Jr. the son of the founder of Universal Studios. He was 20 when his father decided to retire and leave him in charge of that huge concern. Young Carl produced a number of screen masterpieces, among them *All Quiet on the Western Front* and *Back Street*. One day he announced that he was no longer interested in films and was giving them up for good. He considered, wrongly, that nature had not designed him to be a big-time boss. He was going to devote his life to

less weighty matters, such as horses, women and gambling. Little by little nearly all the money accumulated by Universal was drained away. I made his acquaintance when he had already fallen ill and was confined to his bed. The impotence of our exchanges remained in my conversations with him. Piercingly, Carl Laemmle Jr. voluntarily gave up one of the biggest fortunes in the world because he was pure in heart. His rejection of power was not due to any lack of intelligence: it calls for very great wisdom to know when the time has come to renounce the accumulation of worldly goods.

From his first days in Hollywood when he was still quite unknown, Stroheim wanted to make films. Meanwhile he earned his living by working as an actor, playing hit parts when he could get them. He resolved to tell Carl Laemmle senior of his ambitions, and not finding him in his office in the San Fernando Valley studios he went to his house. Laemmle was then living in Sycamore Avenue, at least 10 miles from the studios. Since he could not afford the busfare, Stroheim went on foot, and the door was opened to him by Carl Laemmle Jr. then aged 12. Stroheim was very thirsty and young Carl gave him a Coke. The old man appeared to be unimpressed by him that he wanted to make a film both as actor and director. So impressive were his eloquence and determination that, against all reason since he was quite unknown, Laemmle signed him up. *Blind Husbands* was the first film directed by Stroheim and luckily it was a success, because it cost 100,000 dollars, whereas the original budget had been 25,000 dollars. From the first Stroheim showed himself to be extravagant, dictatorial and a genius. His third film, *Intolerance*, cost so much that Laemmle

decided to use its wild expense as an advertising gimmick, and an electric sign in New York's Times Square, blinked up the expenditure from hour to hour. But the film, made money, and Stroheim's reputation became fabulous. Nevertheless, *Merry-go-Round*, his fourth film, was arbitrarily snatched from him after a few weeks' shooting—money again.

Stroheim died in 1957 in his country house near Paris. Hollywood had closed its doors to his obviously because of the enormous cost of his films, but also because he was a genius and could not be fitted into the mediocrity of bureaucratic film-making. He ended his life acting in French films. A few days before his death the French government gave him something which he had long coveted—the *legion d'honneur*. His funeral was exactly suited to his extravagant tastes: the cerved wood coffin was so big that the path leading to the little chapel had to be widened. The funeral procession, composed of French film celebrities, was preceded by a *Trésors* orchestra from a night-club playing Viennese waltzes. Jacques Becker followed the coffin, carrying the dead man's legion d'honneur on a white silk cushion. His funeral was a neighbourhood field, surprised by the unusual spectacle, came crowding up to the fence—occupying front-row seats as one might say, Jacques Becker had wanted to make a speech but was too moved in to do so, his words being sufficed by sob. I was unable to accompany Erich von Stroheim my master, to his last resting-place. I was kept in America by the shooting of a film. It was a reason which Stroheim would have perfectly understood.

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## Gardening Full house

Perhaps it is understandable that people are prepared to spend fairly heavily on pot plants for the home that will only last a few weeks or perhaps two or three months and then cheerfully replace them with others with equally short lives. It could be argued that you can get tired of seeing the same old plant for months or years.

Fine—if we can afford them. We must remember that the cost of all pot plants and cut flowers is going to rise considerably because of the increases in costs of labour, transport, packing materials and market wholesalers' and handling charges. When cut flowers have to be grown to heated glass we must expect to see even greater price increases. Or, it may be that production of the plants that need high greenhouse temperatures, and obviously high temperatures in the home, will be reduced.

In all matters concerning the growing of plants it is dangerous to lay down hard and fast rules or to dogmatize about plant behaviour. It is complicated enough to make plants happy in a garden and although we have considerable control over the environment in the home it is not easy to provide the conditions of some highly desirable plants require.

It is necessary to learn the difference between true house plants—that is plants that will grow and flourish for years in a dwelling house or an apartment, and those which should be more properly described as greenhouse plants. These may do a turn in the home for some weeks, or even a month or two, but they need to be given greenhouse treatment.

It is probably a good idea if you are not too well informed about the needs of house plants to look for a shop that sells Rochford's house plants. This firm attaches a label with distinctive colouring to its plants—purple for easy plants, blue for intermediate and yellow for delicate or difficult plants. Then if you are new to house plant growing, if you have moved house and the conditions in the new premises are different from those in your old home, or if you have just had central heating put in you can play safe and buy pink label plants.

Generally the foliage plants are the easiest to accommodate as long-stay guests in your home, although some like codiums (crotons) are not easy. Neither are some of the ferns such as the adiantums or maidenhair ferns.

The real tough ones include aspidistras, which are not plentiful and expensive, the mother-in-law's tongue *Sansevieria laurentii* and the rubber plant *Ficus elastica*. The genus *Ficus* contains some amazingly diverse species—scarcely believe that the rubber plant, the fig tree and the creeping *Ficus pumila* are all members of the same genus. The fig of course you do not grow in a living room, although it can be put grown in a conservatory or a greenhouse and give excellent fruits. The creeping *F. pumila* is an easy houseplant to grow over a trellis support in the conservatory or in another imperturbable plant and long lived is *Chlorophytum capense*, while the ivies, *Fatsia lizei*, *Philodendron scandens*, *Monstera deltoidea* with

the cut leaves and *Cissus antartica* are all easy plants.

Most of the cut most are uncomplaining living room plants and here we begin to move into the realm of flowering plants. Many of those sold in flower in the florists' shops and stores will flourish in the home and last for many years. They are excellent in centrally heated rooms.

Generally, flowering plants, cut apart, are not long lived nor very easy to manage in the home. Some people keep cyclamen successfully for years but a reasonable expectation of life, with care and in a temperature that does not rise much above 60°F is three years. The Silver Leaf strain with its silvery variegated leaves is easier than the green leaved forms. White cyclameo I have found last longer than the coloured forms.

The hussy lizies, varieties of impatiens, are very tolerant of room conditions and living. Fleshy stemmed, they do not object too much if watering is a bit erratic. This makes them good office plants. The plant breeders have been busy with these impatiens and some fine new hybrids are around. The dark leaved, red *Impatiens* is well worth looking for. The plants become leggy after a year or so but they may be cut hard back and young growths removed may be used as cuttings. So while the old plants may not last for years, the progeny will.

We have kept *Frimula obconica* in our sitting room for three years and, of course fuchsias are fairly long lived and easy plants. They can be cut back as required. With its curious greenish flowers *Bilbergia nutans* is another tough and quite interesting if not very ornamental plant.

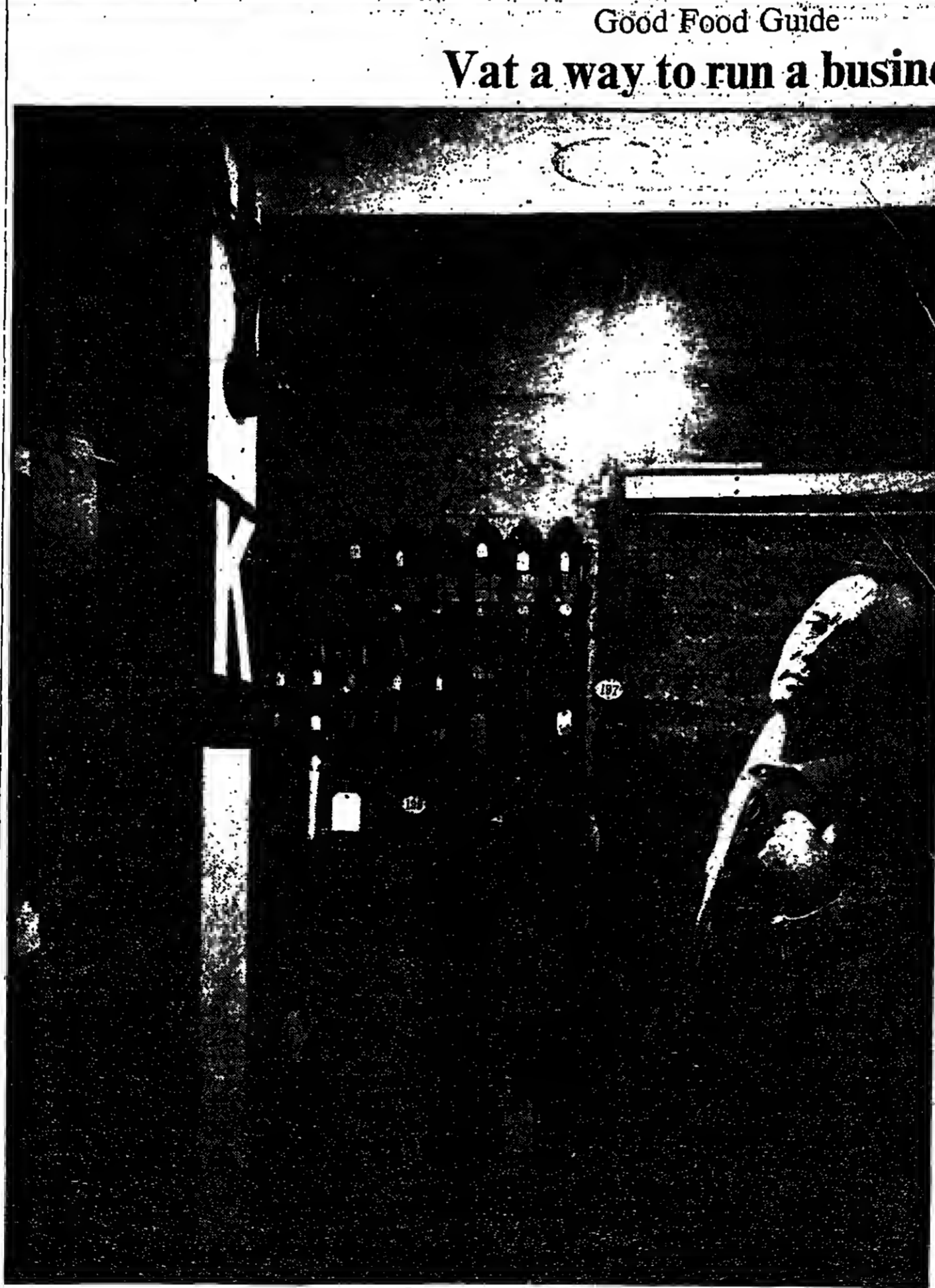
Millions of African violets, saintpaulias, are sold every year, but vast numbers do not live long in houses or flats. They are not easy plants.

They need a more humid atmosphere than we usually allow in a living room, so it is usual to grow them in containers filled with peat kept moist, or stood on pebbles in trays filled with water. They need good daylight but not sunlight, they do not like high temperatures, 55°F minimum at night going up to 75°F by day is a reasonable range.

There are, as I know, many people who are prepared to take a great deal of trouble to grow the more difficult pot plants in the home and for them there are specialist books. As prices continue to rise, I am sure more people will arrive to learn how to cope with the more difficult house plants and to provide them with acceptable growing conditions.

The plastic pot has now practically replaced the clay pot. It is not, however, so easy to tell when a plant in a plastic pot needs water. You can give a clay pot a sharp tap, and after a bit of practice, tell from the sound, whether it is wet or dry. Not so with plastic. You have to lift it and feel whether it weighs heavy or light. If the plant is growing in a peat based compost it may look dry on top but be quite wet underneath. As overwatering is the easiest way to kill a house plant this is something to watch. When in doubt knock the plant gently out of its pot so that you can examine the whole of the root ball. If a peat compost needs watering it is best to stand the pot up to the rim in a basin of water for an hour, and let it draw up the required amount of water.

Roy Hay



Mr John Davy: impressive range of wines to attract regulars.

Photograph by Peter Leavy

Back in London after the summer, for the season of mist and industrial action, one looks round eagerly to see where the mellow fruitfulness is going to come from when it is needed. One obvious and quick source is the new generation of London wine bars. They are cropping so heavily that as many people are likely to lose money as make it. But for the moment, operators large and small are convinced that with the average Briton now downing nine bottles of imported wine per head per year, the outlook is

good for liquor outlets that sell no spirits and no beer, but only wines of greater or lesser interest, and, in many places, a brimming measure of character and historical associations. The *Good Food Guide* itself used to have a Free Vintner's gross bar over Gordon's in Villiers Street, a shabby paneled room and sawdusty cellar. (It is now temporarily closed, but Julia Carpenter, of whom more later, has an application to reopen it.) Most of the wine there was latterly very ordinary indeed, but the place was haunted by the ghosts of Kipling and Chesterton, not to mention Postgate. (In our own

offices, Kipling wrote *The Light Hat*, Failed, which we pitifully remember every time there is power cut.) Survivors of an even older London include the Jamaica Wine House in St Michael's Alley, Cornhill, where the movements of West Indians were discussed before Lloyd's was invented; and the Old Wine Shades, in Martin Lane, the only City tavern, it is said, to have survived the great fire. The London tradition of Free Vintners, earning "by paragon of service" the right to serve wine within the City of London, is one of the reasons why places of this kind are seldom found in provincial

cities, with a few reproducible exceptions like Robinson's in Newcastle, a sawdust-strewn room with three casks (port, sherry, and Madeira) and one rule: no unaccompanied women. In London, the times have changed so far that women not only drink in wine bars, but even run them. That is an advance not only for ideological reasons, but because feminine demand and influence is one reason why some wine bars are beginning to take a more constructive interest in food. Wine needs food, even if it is only cheese to nibble, and London, equally, needs places where light lunches and early evening snacks can be had to civilized

surroundings at modest cost. So we have been looking at the marriage of wine and food in a few London wine bars.

Of course, many of them are severely hampered—as most pubs add all too many restaurants are—by shortage of preparation and service space in the premises they occupy. You are generally at the mercy of the ingenuity and conscientiousness of the particular owner or tenant who is running the place: he (or she) may or may not know enough about wine to lay out £1,400 on a pipe of port without a quail, but does he (or she) know enough about food to bake a quiche or dress a salad?

If there is a single entrepreneur making the running in wine bars it is probably John Davy, who opened his first—the Boot and Flogger, in Borough High Street, six years ago, and now has several others, including the Gyngelebo, in Paddington Green, and Mother Bunch, in Old Seacoal Lane by Ludgate Circus, where Fleet Street meets the City, and where, when the fog is heard calling above the smoke and hubbub, "Two Directors, please"—meaning the house port.

For less casual sale, Mr Davy keeps a very impressive range of port—ranging back to the pre-1914 Cockburn, Sandemans Crofts and Downs; and the clarets too fulfil one of the social purposes of a professionally run wine bar—that you should have the chance to taste there wines that you are too poor or negligent to buy by the bottle at public auction for private drinking. One day last month a party consumed at the Gyngelebo tankards of Veuve Clicquot (£1.30—but good champagne is tankard that did not taste of the metal) and glasses of English Adgestone, Mercury 71, Ch Fombrage 67, Old Tawny from the wood vintage character port, and Offley 54 (at 35p, 37p, 23p, 35p and 35p respectively). Almost all these wines (and others that may by now have been forgotten, or omitted for decency's sake) were both pleasurable and educational, and as someone said, "Where else could you taste so many first class wines in a commercial setting?" Davy's places make an effort with the food too: when tried, the prawns at Mother Bunch's, though dear, were among the freshest and juiciest to be had in London—but at the Gyngelebo the carved joints were better: huss than an elderly game pie and uninspiring salmon. Julia Carpenter, who runs the Wolsey series of wine bars for John Gordon, is working towards a hoped-for Masterchef of Wine. But at her first place, in Fulham Road, the food was more memorable than the wine: well-made quiches and flans, celery, orange, and as someone said, "There are over a dozen wines to be had by the glass, including sparkling Alsace Terringer at 30p; but the house Beaujolais seems to be the favourite. They serve Buck's Fizz at 45p for half a pint, you will still have to go to Buck's Club to see it made with a freshly squeezed orange. More serious dogs were allowed without managerial rebuke to walk on a table top. Another Wolsey's table, in Harrington Road, SW7, had similar wines, but poorer food.

For the purposes of this article, at least half a dozen wine bars were tried, across a wide spectrum from Morcom's in SW1 (loose skirts and the Balgravia manner) to Shir-

reffs in Great Castle Street (which, as an extension of the BBC Club) and on to Yates Wine Lodge in the Strand where "red-eyed ladies half as old as time sit in the Russian tramcar seats, and you can do quite well with the sausages, the Amonillado, or the Mozanilla, the Chateau-neuf, Pape and some interesting wines, tolerably priced (Ch La Tour Bicheron '66, chateau-bottled, £2.25) but the food was as erratic as it so often is in smart amateur London restaurants: delicious fresh salmon with courgettes and real mayonnaise; sodeco and burnt, and near-raw sausage meat in a stuffed pepper.

Balls Brothers wine bar in the Strand had a pubby atmosphere, and neither the food nor the wines, bettered the admittedly unusual range of both to be found in the Helvetia pub in Old Compton Street, Soho.

But two other bars seem to deserve individual mention. At the Cork and Bottle in Cranbourne Street, hard by Leicester Square Tube, we found salads crisp and not badly dressed, and the bar staff young and meticulous. Half a bottle of Verdelho, £1.50, was chilled, dry, and pleasant, cost 85p; numerous other wines (including a dozen by the glass) are written up, at reasonable prices, round the room, which is adequate to sit in, without exactly beguiling the eye.

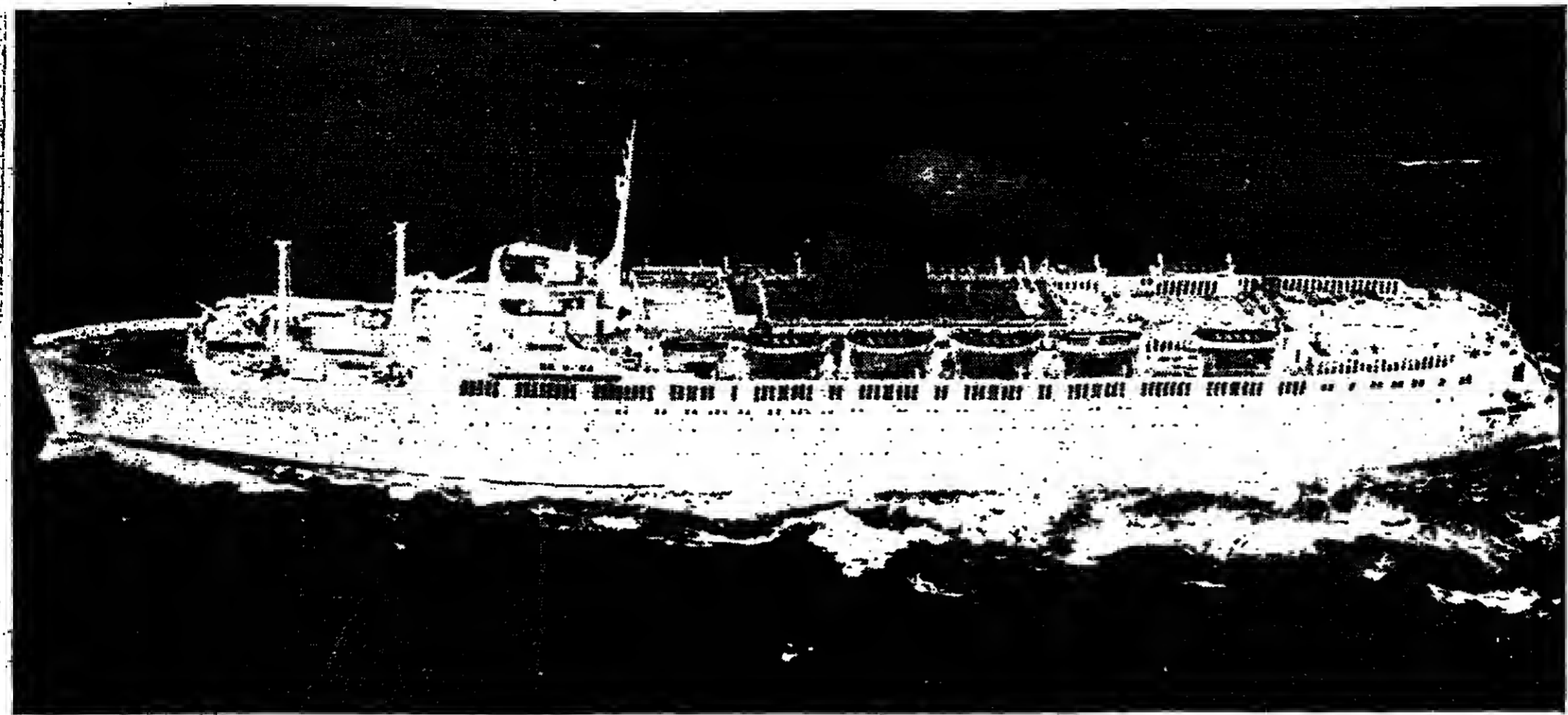
At Coates, in Old Broad Street (there is another branch in London Wall, and both are operated by the wine merchants Corney and Barrow) it is surprisingly difficult to discover precisely what wines are being poured for you, but you want who a bumper-sized glass of their No 3 claret or Côtes de Brouilly costs 62p. But of six different wines by the glass tried (Zeltinger, Blanc de Blancs, two just mentioned, Sercial, and some better than that. (The Moselle, the claret, and the Sercial made the best trio.) Moreover, the atmosphere and the middle-aged men who serve are reassuring and rational and trouble is taken with the food. Both upstairs and downstairs, an impression of spaciousness is achieved by polished wood and long mirrors.

Downstairs, generous helpings of chicken-and-ham pie and roast beef with routine salads cost £1.40 the two. Upstairs there were sandwiches, and also a most rare and welcome sight, under its glass cover a rich, moist home-made fruit cake, which begged to be eaten with a glass of Madeira, and was, at the comparatively modest price of 82p for two glasses and two helpings.

Details: Gyngelebo, 27 Spring Street, W.2 01-723 3351; Wolsey's Wine Bar, 138 Fulham Road, SW10 01-352 1153; Morcom's, 26 Motcomb Street, SW1 01-235 6382; Shirreff's, 15 Great Castle Street, W1 01-580 2125; Yates Wine Lodge, 417 Strand, WC2 01-836 0654; Balls Brothers, 142 Strand, WC2 01-836 0156; Cork and Bottle, 44/46 Cranbourne Street, WC2 01-734 7807/6532; Coates, 109 Old Broad Street, EC2 01-588 7443. © Times Newspapers Ltd and the Good Food Guide (Consumers' Association and Hodder) 1974.

Travel

Why a cruise may not always be plain sailing



Ocean Monarch: A fine ship, but there are areas of complaint

The 26,000-ton liner Ocean Monarch is getting on in years, for she made her maiden voyage as long ago as 1957. Then she belonged to Canadian Pacific and was named 'Empress of England'.

pool up on the boat deck was quickly littered each day, especially when passengers are buffet lunches there and left cardboard plates and plastic cutlery on chairs and tables.

profit. It is made more difficult by the company's decision early this year that there would be no additional surcharge on fares, following the 10 per cent increase announced last December.

Now it is important to get into focus the type of cruise holiday that Shaw Savill offers—and will be offering next year. It is a "one class" operation and the service offered does not claim to be on a par with "traditional" first class standards on, for example, the liners of Union Castle or P & O.

I mentioned earlier that Shaw Savill has the difficult task of keeping fares at a reasonable level while overheads soar. To cut standards of service is no solution, for this alienates passengers. In this context I recall a conversation with an executive of another shipping company faced, a few years ago, with a similar problem.

One's home and Southampton in the fare. Next year, passengers who travel to Southampton by car will have the benefit of free storage for the duration of the cruise.

Bridge Uses and abuses

The weak opening No Trump, ranging in strength from 11 to 13 points, is popular because it puts a high premium on defensive bidding and play. By forcing opponents to bid at the two-level and to guess the position of key cards it has the advantage over a weak minor suit opening and is often passed out for the loss of 100 when defenders have a certain part score and possible game.

South showed courage in venturing to bid at the four level on three points, but he was rewarded when West led a small heart. His two diamonds went away on the OAK and he led the ♠6 from dummy to the ♠Q and ♠A. West made a belated attack on the diamonds by leading his fourth highest and East's OJ was ruffed by declarer who had now formed a picture of the distributions. Because East had not doubled the opening No Trump he decided that the ♠9 was a singleton, and since he could not afford to attack Trumps, he led a club and finessed dummy's ♠8.

Edward Mayer My only criticism of the weak opening No Trump is the way in which it is abused. Players who announce that they are employing it throughout the rubber have a habit of strengthening it when vulnerable or at a part score in order to trap their opponents.

Chess Master and man One of the oddities of an odd life, and indeed one of the few advantages and perquisites of being a chess master, is that one meets persons of greater intellect who take it for granted that one is on the same intellectual level. Though this is flattering to the ego, and soothing to the psyche, it may lead to some distressing strains through the dire necessity of stretching one's brains beyond the normal limits in an attempt to keep up with the geniuses.

role of chairman of a Chess Brains Trust. I remember too how struck he was with a remark I made about the right way of utilizing your opponent's time trouble. It was a paradox to the effect that the faster your adversary had to play the slower you should yourself play and the reason was, and is, that only in this way can you utilize to the full your advantage in time.

K4 and, though he too lost, he felt lay in his pawn grabbing. A mistake after which Black is given no chance to recover. Correct was 15... P-E3. 16 P-B3 K-R4 17 P-K3 Q-O4 18 Q-K3 P-K5

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Three and a half years later on holiday at a seaside resort on the southern coast I had a number of conversations with a worried looking gentleman in my boarding house while the rain was falling. This was Bronowski's father and the reason why he was worried was that he was full of forebodings about his son's tendency to dissipate his undoubted gifts on what seemed to him mere side and, as for chess, he was giving too much time to chess problems. "A waste of time," I commented in

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Around the hustings with the three main party leaders

# A campaign cocktail of patience, wit and flamboyance

Mr Heath has found a new way of campaigning. The question and answer session or "talk-in with Ted" as they called it at the Open Space Theatre, clearly suits his style.

Like all the best new ideas, it is not a new idea at all but rather an adaptation of the press conference with the public asking the questions and the press listening in.

Mr Heath has given it considerable added value by not restricting the exchange to question and answer but listening patiently to expressions of views which would never be allowed as questions by an efficient chairman in the ordinary election meeting.

The only flaw in the method is not that fact of the method but arises from the apparent inability of the Conservative organization in the country, up to the time of writing, to find money to send a number of non-Conservative to join the ranks of the faithful for the sessions.

It was at the first of the sessions, with the Welsh farmers, that the technique worked best and that was because the pressure on the hill farmer is so strong that party allegiances, if any, were more or less forgotten in stonely worded criticisms of the politicians' role in agriculture, past and present.

The exchanges not only gave the corps of reporters following Mr Heath some good copy, but also provided Mr Heath with material for his speech.

The farmer who told him that it was not incentive to expand but help to survive which was needed has been quoted the length and breadth of the kingdom.

It may be slightly amusing, even irritating, for those who bear every speech, but at least the quotation of this and other stories makes these sessions an experience that Mr Heath is listening hard as well as campaigning hard.

Because of these sessions, Mr Heath has been answering questions on a wide variety of topics and some novel issues have emerged in the early days of the campaign, canvassers were often asking a question which they, in turn, were being asked on the don't-stop. Would a Conservative Government mean a return to the confrontation of the winter?

Every time Mr Heath has seized eagerly the opportunity to declare his distaste for confrontation. It was not he, nor the Conservatives, who sought the collision course.

A few have asked questions on the EEC, but if one is to judge only by the reactions to Mr Heath's comments on the value of British membership, he

has a good majority of the party in the country behind him. He has resisted all suggestions of a referendum on constitutional grounds.

The rates burden has been a more frequent subject for questions. To these questioners Mr Heath has offered an exposition of the manifesto pledges, but the supplementary questions have offered a useful guide to the likely course of public debate on the matter for the next few years, as the anomalies of reform are ironed out.

Mr Heath has been forthcoming in his answers even to the awkward questions, although one felt that there could be no adequate answer to the woman who urged abolition of free contraceptives because they threatened the future of bum-bum.

What effect has the tour been having on this campaign as a whole? That must have been the mind of the party canvasser. Mr Heath why he was there among the converted. Evidently, a great many of the people's party leader meets are those who have never needed to be converted because they have been listening supporters of one party or another.

Mr Heath's reply was simply that, by courtesy of the media, his message went out to a wider public, locally and nationally. That is true and, of course, party leaders cannot afford to neglect the media, the most critical areas. It would have been surprising indeed if Mr Heath had not appeared in the West Midlands where the Conservatives could, if they held their own elsewhere, win the election.

What kind of image is being presented of the Conservative leader to those he meets? His own answer would simply be that it was his own image to be as careful not to try to be anything but himself.

Throughout, despite the heavy suits of 3,500-odd tour, Mr Heath has appeared relaxed and confident. Most of all, he is certain that next week he will be called upon to unite the nation and to take on what he has himself called the awesome task of leading Britain in the war against inflation and unemployment.

John Winder

As the election campaign enters its final week, Labour's longest serving Prime Minister appears to have found a new lease of life. If the past two weeks have done nothing else, they would seem to have thrown considerable



able doubt on all the stories about Mr Wilson's falling health, on his determination to hand over the leadership of the party halfway through the next Government's term of office, and of his waning enthusiasm for the political game.

Not many politicians could have equaled his feat at Bolton earlier this week when, at 10 pm, after his audience had been waiting for almost an hour listening to the humdrum speeches of local candidates, he managed to keep everyone enthralled for yet another 50 minutes as he spelled out Labour's recipe for salvation.

The Prime Minister has rarely seemed in better fettle. His speeches, while still far too long, are witty and splendidly delivered. There is a bounce to his walk; he exudes confidence and the throng of journalists, aides and secretaries who follow in his wake are handled with unusual care and consideration.

No longer do the local candidates matter backstage, as they did in February, about their leader's flagging enthusiasm and of their fears for the party's prospects on polling day.

All this, of course, creates something of a mystery because it is difficult to see why Mr Wilson should be so full of good cheer. What it means in terms of votes on October 10, no one can tell. In 1970 Mr Wil-

son was confident and cheerful, and he lost. Last February, he was miserable as sin, downcast and on edge for most of the campaign, and he won. No longer, as in February, does he snap angrily at his aides over the slightest misdemeanour or skulk in remote hotel rooms as though trying to escape from the prying eyes of eager journalists.

On the first day of the campaign, when many commentators were suggesting that Mr Wilson would soon be gracefully bowing out of the political arena, the Prime Minister breezily remarked that he intended to carry on for as long as he had a job to do. He delights in informing questioners that Macmillan and Airdrie were 63 when they began forming their administrations, while he will still be only 58 when he forms his fourth Government.

With a twinkle in his eye, he reminds everyone that Walpole carried on for 21 years. His listeners laugh knowingly to themselves and urge him to pull the other oar. But it now seems as though the Prime Minister could well mean what he says.

At even the most awkward questioning there are few signs of irritation. One persistent young man was wondering why Mr Wilson was the other night why Mr Wilson was so eager to display all the goodies

in the social contract hamper but was so much more reticent when it came to spelling out what the contract meant in terms of holding back wages. The Prime Minister puffed a mighty smoke-screen, agreed that it was a fair question, and said he would look into the matter to see if any of his speeches might be revised to cover this point. There has been no revision.

Another unexpected aspect of the campaign so far has been the excellent attendances at the meetings, often two a night. With elections so close together, the electorate might have been excused a certain lack of enthusiasm for politicians. But, unlike in February when halls were filled on many occasions and audiences apathetic, this time there have been many meetings where the doors have had to be closed on the eager crowds, and eager journalists.

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diversely on the virtues of the social contract and its relationship to the battle against inflation. Mr Wilson might have done home his contention that the Tory alternative would be confrontation and unemployment.

The Prime Minister's audiences rock with mirth when he pictures the scene as the Tory Shadow Cabinet discusses tactics. "Harold Wilson's got a social contract." We want a social contract." Slight pause for effect. "All God's chillun want social contracts." Through-

out the campaign there has been almost no mention of the other side of the coin—the wage restraint obligations of the trade unions. On the Ford dispute is was the "rogue employer" offering his work force more than they sought to ask for.

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that whatever has gone up is all the fault of the wicked Tories. Seldom in recent years has there been a campaign so dependent on the success of a local plan for an inflation chitlun.

October 10 that Labour's social contract is not a sham and that the nation cannot do without it, then Mr Wilson will surely be forming his fourth administration later this month.

Hugh Noyes

Mr Jeremy Thorpe is the one party leader who gives the impression that he would choose to live in a state of permanent election. While his rivals reflect on the first two weeks of their personal campaigns, he is about to embark, with characteristic ebullience, on his sixth.

Since his ill-fated Hovecraft stint on August 28 in pursuit of political glory, Thorpe has been making the Liberal leader's name in the press through more than 90 marginal constituencies. Although the pre-election tour was dismissed by some as another Thorpean gimmick, he has undoubtedly played a part in preventing the dispiriting dip in the polls which habitually marks the opening of a Liberal campaign.

The whole flamboyant exercise, with a fleet of American helicopters, the most unusual form of transport, has been in sharp contrast to February when Mr Thorpe could scarcely ever be persuaded to leave the rural quiet of his North Devon constituency. With a majority increased from 369 to over 11,000, he has felt free to heed party critics who felt that he should have staged more of a national campaign.

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The jokes, the jaunty and the breakneck evening rounds of remote parish halls remain, but Mr Thorpe has tried hard to discard some of the parochialism that has been criticised for the national responsibilities and gravitas which go with leading a party of six million voters.

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political asset is his personality and ability to remain aloof from the hickering between the two main parties. Even when he is exposed to the intricacies of local plans for an inflation tax or a land bank, the camera-men have concentrated relentlessly on the helicopter swoops, the witty asides and the electoral hyperbole.

Fortuitously assisted by events, Mr Thorpe's own enthusiasm has been reserved for the breakup of the two-party system, the untangling of the so-called "hard core" and the establishment of the Liberals as the natural refuge for progressives from both left and right.

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Christopher Walker

# Compassionate rebel in the shadow of the suffragettes

Concentrating as it does on the Pankhursts, the *Shoulder to Sinouder* series, repeated on BBC1, could not be expected to satisfy everyone's estimate of the priorities and heroines of the suffrage struggle. I have shrift to give to the efforts of the non-militant National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (NUWSS) led by Mrs Millicent Fawcett, a fastidious intellectual to whom the melodramatic sensationalism of the Pankhursts was almost as distasteful as it was to Asquith. More surprisingly, no mention is made of Charlotte Despard, whom for a time was Honorary Secretary of the Women's Social and Political Union and did much to boost the prestige of that struggling organization.

Her fame and experience as a militant suffrage campaigner, as a militant suffrage campaigner, appeared, though spectacular, was in striking contrast to the latter's bourgeois finery. Tall and slim, Mrs Despard's craggy yet sensitive face gave her the look of a benevolent witch—an impression strengthened by the blacklace mantle she summured in her snowy hair, a long flowing black gown, and bare, sandalled feet. She liked to quote Shelley's description of the New Woman in *Prometheus Unbound*:

... poetic, radiant forms From conscious evil toil exempt Born in Kent in 1844, the second of five daughters, her father, Commander Troy William French, RN, was of Irish descent, her mother Scottish.

After the early death of her parents, Charlotte helped to bring up her children, including the nine-year-old Field Marshal Sir John French, Commander of the BEF in 1914. During her marriage to Maximilian Despard, a wealthy businessman of orthodox Liberal views, she travelled widely, visiting India several times and writing a popular romance, *The Reich's heir*, under a pseudonym. When her husband died in 1890 she turned herself into social work, serving the Poor Law Guardians—one of the first women to do so—and pinning a working men's club and child welfare centre in Batter-

sea. Their fight should not be with the weapons of war but with spiritual darkness. In high places, women could stop war if they chose". It was this wide and passionate progressive, together with a fierce independence, that drew her towards Sylvia Pankhurst and led her, in 1907, first to challenge the Pankhursts' supremacy in the WSPU, and then to launch a separate suffragette group, the Women's Freedom League (WFL), taking with her a number of well-known militants, including Teresa Billington.

The American poet Ella Wheeler Wilcox gave Mrs Despard permission to use her *Battle Hymn of the Women* (They are waking in the city/They are waking in the hour/And their hearts are full of pity/And their souls are full of fire/For the sleepers who in darkness slumber still. . .) as the WFL anthem.

Ethel Smyth's *March of the Women* was the WSPU's answer to this progressive, democratic WFL journal, *The Vote*, with its motto *Dare to be Free, Marched The Suffragette* to vehement criticism of the Male Establishment. Freedom Leaguers used all the disruptive, attention-catching tactics of the WSPU, and added a few gimmicks of their own, as when Muriel Matters soared over Parliament in a balloon doused with suffragette slogans.

They exercised "errorism" but refused to pay taxes or make complete census returns, made stormy courtroom scenes, went to prison, and in general re-

maintained closer in spirit to the WSPU than to the strictly constitutional NUWSS. Mrs Despard, now in her late sixties, toured Britain in a caravan, putting the case for women's emancipation to audiences of all degrees, and was jailed for a second time after holding a meeting to protest against Mrs Asquith's sentence at the Old Bailey in 1913.

During the First World War she founded a Women's Suffrage National Aid Corps which set up a chain of social services in the London slums, joined Sylvia Pankhurst to launch a Women's Peace Crusade, and headed the Leeds and Bradford "patriots". Though recognizing that women's massive contribution to the war effort would force the government to make concessions, she deplored the exploitation of female labour and the greed of unregenerate capitalists. Why, for instance, was there no equitable rationing system? Local authorities, she urged, should commander what was needed in the streets of the profiteering in life values".

For long a staunch member of the ILP, she now took a more radical stance. In June, 1917, with Sylvia Pankhurst and Mrs Pethick-Lawrence (who succeeded her as President of the WFL), she took part in the "great Labour Social and Democratic Convention" held in Leeds to "hail the Russian Revolution and organize the British Democracy to follow the lead of the Russian Revolution".

In 1918 she stood for Parliament as Labour candidate for Battersea. Like the other 16 candidates she was defeated.

but unlike Christabel Pankhurst, who took refuge in a Second Avenue flat, Mrs Despard was not a Londoner, she soldiered on. Looking, one journalist reported, as if she had stepped from the pages of *Cranford*, she went to Ireland to support Eamon de Valera at a time when her brother, now Lord Tyrone, was Lord Lieutenant, and during the civil war that followed the treaty of December, 1927.

In 1926, aged 82, she walked from the Embankment to Hyde Park in a procession of women demanding equal suffrage, and the following year told a WFL rally that she had no confidence in the future of parliamentary democracy: "The workers will not tolerate present day conditions. I can see a great upheaval coming". After a trip to the Soviet Union in 1930, she founded a Marxist-style Party Workers' College. This was a target for the wrath of Catholic mobs during the anti-Communist riots of 1933 in Dublin, where she died, impoverished and indomitable, six years later.

She had always put her money where her mouth (and her heart) was. There is no biography of Charlotte Despard, not even an entry in the DNB. Yet she was an inspiring and courageous leader who to this end strove to be a compassionate and constructive rebel, to cultivate what Sylvia Pankhurst called "the tender heart, the fearless, commandingly clear and so badly needed and so infinitely difficult for poor faulty human beings to sustain."

David Mitchell

# Sportview

# Motor championship goes abroad but it is only out on loan

Tomorrow evening, Jackie Stewart's reign as motor racing world champion driver will officially end. His successor at the moment is unknown, for so closely fought has been this year's title battle that three drivers are still in the running for the fifth and final qualifying race, the United States Grand Prix.

Only when the chequered flag is unfurled over the Watkins Glen circuit tomorrow shall we know in which of the three drivers, Emerson Fittipaldi, a Brazilian champion, Emerson Fittipaldi, an Italian-speaking Swiss, Clay Regazzoni, or a South African, Jody Scheckter, the first two are level-legged, having collected 52 points each from 14 races, while Scheckter is now something of an outsider with 45 points, and needing to win tomorrow's race, to retain any chance of becoming champion. Even so, his chances must not be underestimated.

We knew or at least we believed firmly—that Jackie Stewart's decision to retire a year ago, shortly after winning his third title, would pave the way for a more than usually open championship struggle in 1974. But the closeness of the fight (at no time during the nine-month season has the gap separating the first and second drivers exceeded five points—and you can score nine for just one win) has taken everyone by surprise, and has been a refreshing change from recent history when one or two drivers would emerge as the only contenders in front of all rivals.

Whatever the outcome of this year's championship, it will be only the third occasion in the last 13 seasons that the title has been other than a British or Commonwealth driver, the previous occasion being in 1972, when Emerson Fittipaldi won the title for the first time (and at 25 years of age became the youngest driver ever to do so—a record which Jody Scheckter could beat by one year if he is successful tomorrow). The only other time was in 1970, when the title went to a Lotus-built John Player Special, and he decided to leave the team last year when he felt that he was getting second-best treatment. There were many who said that he was wrong to change teams, and the 27-year-old Brazilian, an almost-wide smile resident in a country where motor racing is banned—Switzerland—has chosen Spain as his new base.

In many ways motor racing is the least predictable of sports, for so much which is beyond a driver's control can influence the result of his performance. Inevitably mechanical reliability is an essential ingredient of success, and so in good old fashioned luck; the most highly skilled driver in the world cannot get very far without both.

This is why the two drivers concerned most likely to succeed in 1974—Niki Lauda from Austria and Ronnie Peterson from Sweden—have both dropped out of the championship battle. Lauda seemed set for almost a walkover trip in the title (he proved himself the fastest driver in the world on nine times this year), yet has scored in only six races. Peterson, too, has scored only six times, mainly because his team's latest car, introduced at the beginning of the year, proved uncompetitive.

It is reliability, above all, that has put Clay Regazzoni in his present strong position. He has failed to score world championship points on only three occasions this year, but he has been consistently slower than his Ferrari teammates, Lauda, and Regazzoni has been in exceptional form since he was introduced at the beginning of the year, proving uncompetitive.

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He enjoys an enthusiastic following in both Switzerland and Italy, but his limited English has made it difficult for him to be an internationalist in the social sense, and it will be interesting to see to what extent he can overcome this problem if he has to face the social responsibilities of being champion. Like all competitive drivers, to win the championship is his ultimate ambition, and he may well feel with some justification that at 35 years of age he is unlikely to have a chance of doing so again tomorrow.

For Emerson Fittipaldi, to claim the title for the second time at the end of his first season as a Texaco-Marlboro McLaren-Ford driver would be especially pleasing. His first championship came at the wheel of a Lotus-built John Player Special, and he decided to leave the team last year when he felt that he was getting second-best treatment. There were many who said that he was wrong to change teams, and the 27-year-old Brazilian, an almost-wide smile resident in a country where motor racing is banned—Switzerland—has chosen Spain as his new base.

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Fittipaldi has obviously learnt a great deal from Jackie Stewart in his professional approach to motor racing. He would be hard to catch at the track, on public appearances, endorsing products and generating his business sidelines, as he does in the cockpit; and is a very wealthy young man as a result. He enjoys the status throughout South America, and during his previous year as champion was frequently followed around from race to race, by a vociferous crowd of almost deliriously enthusiastic supporters, complete with their own band. He would be, as previously, a very popular champion.

For Jody Scheckter to be knocking on the door of a championship is a measure of the potential of motor racing's most exciting driver. In his McLaren days he was brilliant but brittle, and rarely finished a race. But under Ken Tyrrell's guidance this year he has maturated into a cool, calculating and extremely competitive driver with an outstanding ability to come to grips with strange circuits. If he fails to win the title tomorrow it will not matter because he has so much time ahead of him, but if he does, it will be the ultimate achievement for the Elf-Tyrrell team, which just a year ago lost both its drivers, through a tragedy and a retirement which days on each other, and for which 1974 looked to be a year not for winning, but just for rebuilding.

So Britain will no longer have a motor racing world champion, but it may well, through McLaren-Ford, have a new world champion tomorrow evening. If so it will be one of the most popular of all victories in the constructors' world championship, for no team has worked harder for success over such a wide field of motor racing. And if a Ford-powered car wins at Watkins Glen it will be the 100th victory for the British-designed V8 engine which has played such a fundamental role in making grand prix racing so competitive.

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John Blunsden

# County English as it is spoke in Vietnam

"You can walk into any village in the liberated area of South Vietnam, and set your watch by the theme tune introducing the BBC's 6.30 news in Vietnamese", a visiting communist dignitary of the Provisional Revolutionary Government said in London recently. Now Vietnam's war has become one where propaganda is almost as important as military equipment, both sides attach an enormous importance to the BBC Vietnamese service, with an eye to how it can be used for their particular ends. Most ordinary people in Vietnam rely on the BBC for the only credible version of what is happening around them.

summer by speaking against corruption in the regime. A bolder group of opposition senators and deputies, joined by some Buddhist dignitaries, is now campaigning openly against the President's failure to apply the political clauses of the Paris Agreement. The news provided for the communist PRG, and the many pacifist or neutralist leaders who want to organize a Third Force, to take an open, legal part in deciding the future of the country.

Almost no one would have dared advocate such a direct application of the Paris Agreement six months ago, and even now, the Saigon newspapers which have printed the group's manifestos have either been seized by the police, or have turned their copies in to the streets so that they could not be seized. Were it not for the BBC, broadcasting into Vietnam longish dispatches from its correspondents in Saigon, little news of this political movement would permeate outside the centres of the cities involved.

The international press has played an important role historically in Vietnam, notably in the Buddhist crisis of 1963, which resulted in the death of President Diem. International opinion is always a catalyst and

a reinforcer of Vietnamese ideas. And the BBC is the most important of all international press agencies in Vietnam because of Bush House's three Vietnamese language news programmes broadcast daily. Voice of America broadcasts into South Vietnam for many hours a day, but is estimated to have only about a quarter of the listeners of the BBC. Given the current disillusion, and in some cases, hatred, for all that all there is—there are no coups, few changes to the power group and few military victories. But among the warring half and quarter truths, not really believed by anyone, anything reported by the BBC has complete credibility.

Britain and the British come in for a good deal of reflected glory from the BBC and British journalists and diplomats are assumed by most Vietnamese to be associated with the BBC and

therefore to be respectable, responsible and well-informed. Representatives of the BBC are also credited with special stamina which enables them to reach remote places in Vietnam, and above all they are expected to be miracle workers with the power of mobilising international public opinion.

In Saigon both intellectuals living in the city, and the communist delegations living in the compounds on Tan Son Nhut airbase listen to the BBC with care every day, and, on meeting an English journalist can often produce a résumé of his article in the previous day's paper, who has been broadcast back into Vietnam by the BBC in Vietnamese.

But perhaps the most classic influence of the BBC in Vietnam is the voices of the English-speaking interpreters for the North Vietnamese delegation at Tan Son Nhut. Impeccable country English comes very surprisingly from the calm, restrained faces above the baggy uniforms. Neither of the two English-speaking North Vietnamese that I knew had ever been out of Vietnam. "We listen to the BBC English lessons", they said.

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CAN ONE ASSUME A U-TURN?

Whatever government is elected next Thursday is going to have to deal immediately with the pay explosion and is going to have to deal at an early stage with the inevitable challenge from the unions. In the trade unions, the Ford dispute is an indication of the rising pressure from inflationary wage settlements. The offer, which has been turned down, comes only seven months after the last Ford settlement; it is an offer of 38.6 per cent for two years and it would bring the settlements in the current year above 30 per cent.

This is not the only very high settlement which is being or has been negotiated. Local settlements on top of the apparently reasonable 14 per cent of the national engineering settlement have gone up to annual rates this year in many cases of 25 per cent or above. Both the earnings and the hourly wage indices show a surge in wage settlements after the ending of pay control; the last available three months on the earnings index, which do not include the engineering settlement, show an annual rate of over 46 per cent. This rate should be discounted for special factors, but even when it is discounted it leaves a figure which is not supportable by the British economy.

At the same time the militancy of the National Union of Mine-workers, which challenged and destroyed the Heath administration, has been confirmed by the defeat of Mr Gormley and the moderates in the productivity agreement. This will cost miners pay increases of up to £12 a week and will cost the country millions of tons of coal. The reason for the rejection is a desire to maintain the militant unity of the miners; it is a defeat not merely for Mr Gormley but for the Coal Board for the Government and for that idea of moderation in trade union relations on which the social contract is based.

THE BURDEN OF HIGHER BENEFITS

Attention has recently focused on the likely rise in National Insurance contributions for the self-employed. Opposition centres on the proposal that the self-employed should be required to pay a contribution of 3 per cent on their earnings between the levels of £1,600 and £3,600 a year. The situation is left in the air because the Bill, the Social Security Amendment Bill, 1974, which would have enacted this proposal lapsed with the Dissolution.

The Labour Government were merely proposing to raise the limits in the 1973 Act from 5 per cent on earnings between £1,150 and £2,500 to 3 per cent on the higher band. They were at the same time proposing to raise the respective figures for earnings-related contributions and benefits for the regularly employed.

Either society in general should accept that the level of social security benefits be reduced in real terms over time by the process of inflation; or the direct Treasury contribution should be increased substantially. It is, however, generally assumed that the public wants its social security arrangements to be improved over the years, rather than the reverse. Equally, it is generally assumed that the capacity of central taxation to meet new commitments is severely limited.

Election issues: realities for Britain in a competitive world

From Mr Scott Atkinson. Sir, To one who returns home, after trying to win an export order against ruthless international competition, an order which would have kept several hundred people in work for over a year, there is an air of unreality about many of the distinguished contributions to your columns.

Electrical Contracting (the business of one of our subsidiaries) is an industry in no way special, either as being in the van or in the rear. In this area, the hourly rate for an approved electrician, as fixed by the Joint Industry Board, was 74p from April to December, 1973. The JIB proposed an increase to 100p for January 1, 1974, but this was cut by the Pay Board to 81p.

an election campaign to give his views the special aura attaching to a Cambridge professor of economics is less certain, when they could easily be thought to have a political intent. He might retort that he has done no more than to "tell us the facts". But, alas, what constitute relevant facts is by no means always obvious, as must surely be manifest by now to anyone who is more concerned to find a really tenable explanation of inflation than to apportion blame.

Ulster power-sharing

From Mr J. Enoch Powell. Sir, A Mr O'Leary in the Department of Political Science at Belfast wants to know (October 4) "an alternative explanation" other than "electioneer purposes" of the rejection of 1973 of the power-sharing in Ulster under the 1973 Constitution. The answer he seeks is all over Hansard: I opposed "power-sharing" continuously since it was first put forward in 1972.

Rate of pay rises

From Professor Lord Kahn. Sir, Sir Keith Joseph in his letter (October 1) addresses a question to me. I agree that when demand for labour is so high as to result in widespread scarcity of labour, wages rise faster than when demand is lower.

Exhaustion of credit

From Mr Ian Peacock. Sir, It is scarcely surprising that Mr Healey was odd man out at the IMF meeting. The United States and Germany are in no danger of mass unemployment—their adjustment policies risk at most a period of a year or so of slowly declining GNP.

Voluntary unemployment

From Miss Olive Stevenson. Sir, My purpose in writing to you about "voluntary unemployment" (September 23) was to draw attention to the diverse characteristics of men sometimes lumped together under that head. It overcrossed my mind that Sir Keith, who is exceptionally well placed to know about such matters, would want to make such a group into a scapegoat; but I feared the consequences of his remarks since the issue is one to which emotion tends to take over from reason.

Indexing of wages

From Mr Walter Elkan. Sir, I do not quarrel with Professor Neild's figures, but only with the inferences he and his colleagues seem to draw from them, in the letter to you (October 2). As economists they are not likely to deny that what matters is the context of inflation: is the total increase in pay not only that part of which is in excess of threshold agreements? Indeed, the object of threshold agreements was to reduce the pressure for negotiated wage increases by "indexing" the pay of their recipients to increases in the cost of living and thus ensuring that pay kept pace with the cost of living.

Remember the tax man cometh, inevitably

From Mr William Douglas-Home. Sir, A week or so ago my telephone rang one morning and an unknown voice asked me for £26,000. "Who is it?", I asked, suspecting some joker.

Direct grant schools

From Mr Guy King-Reynolds. Sir, The Headmaster of Norwich School raises a pertinent question when he asks how the Labour manifesto's "working people" are helped by turning schools they can afford to attend into schools beyond their pockets.

Flight of poor countries

From Miss Sarah Wells and others. Sir, We are depressed by the inward-looking nature displayed by the three major parties in their election manifestos. The plight of the poor countries of the world, who suffer to an infinitely greater degree than we do from soaring oil and food prices, is either ignored or slightly touched off in passing.

Alexander Pope's school

From Mr James Goldsbury. Sir, David Wickham's letter (The Times, October 1) on Alexander Pope's school is most interesting, and comes as a coincidence. For the death occurred quite recently of A. C. F. Beales, whose notable book Education under Penalty: English Catholic Education from the Reformation to the fall of James II, 1547-1689, received mention in the obituary columns of The Times in appreciation of the late scholar.

Mr Heath's statistics

From Mr R. W. Baldwin. Sir, Mr Foot challenges Mr Heath to produce evidence of wage increases above 40 per cent per annum. Perhaps the following will serve.

Paying for chaos

From Mr Alan Wykes. Sir, Mr Heath says that 635 people £4,500 a year each to bring the country to chaos? I will undertake to do the same job single-handed and more efficiently for half the total sum.

Supply of trees

From Mr R. S. Hopking. Sir, As an antidote for Simon Klinger's fear that inflation is bringing about wholesale felling of our woodlands and copses (October 1), may I mention the example of Lord Nelson who walked about his native Norfolk planting acres of oak trees which had been felled to build ships for the defence of our shores.

Katyn memorial

From Mr D. A. MacMaster. Sir, Regarding the Katyn memorial controversy, surely a spot could be found in the Brompton Oratory, or its spacious grounds, for a simple plaque commemorating the tragic massacre.

Pugin chapel at Douai

From Dom Geoffrey Scott. Sir, Your report (October 2) that the Pugin chapel in the Lycée de Ffiles at Douai would probably be included in the list of 200 buildings scheduled for preservation brought great relief to me, as it will also, I hope, to every other English Benedictine community, now settled here in Woolhampton, until they were expelled, not altogether justifiably, under the terms of the Association Laws of 1903.

Voteless in EEC

From Mr D. R. Dighy. Sir, Many thousands of British subjects working in the EEC with varying degrees of permanence are completely disenfranchised—they have no vote either in the United Kingdom or in their host country.

Scotland overlooked

From Sir Edmund Hudston. Sir, Mr Heath in his speech yesterday (October 1) in Glasgow yestered to the "breathtaking irresponsibility" of those who want Scotland to take the lead in breaking up the United Kingdom. Those in Scotland who agree with his view (though strongly in favour of various brands of devolution) are, I feel sure, in a large majority. But they can be brought to the point of despair by such an article as that which you published on Monday—'Is there a William Pitt in the House?' written by someone described as a Research Fellow at New College, Oxford.

Changing capitalism

From Mr G. N. von Tunzelmann. Sir, Sir Keith Joseph's admiration for the philosophy of Joseph Schumpeter (misspelt as Schlumpeter in your issue of October 3) might well be tempered by the conclusion Schumpeter reached in his celebrated 1918 essay, 'The Instability of Capitalism' (even the author apologized for the terrible phrasing of this sentence). Capitalism while economically stable, and even gaining in stability, creates, by rationalizing the human mind, a molarly and a style of life incompatible with its own fundamental conditions, motives and social institutions, and will be changed, although not by economic necessity and probably even at some sacrifice of economic welfare, into an order of things which it will be unable to maintain.

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European second round draws

Uefa Cup... European Cup... European Cup Winners' Cup... Draws for the second round of European football competitions.

Armfield is joining at a busy time

By Geoffrey Green... Football Correspondent... Armfield is joining at a busy time

Friendly bounce comes to Gallacher's aid

By Peter Kyle... Golf Correspondent... Friendly bounce comes to Gallacher's aid



Gallacher: one stroke clear and the fifth leader of the week.

That jaded Leeds feeling might help Mee

By Norman Fox... Leeds United... That jaded Leeds feeling might help Mee

Card of Course

Table with columns: Hole, Yds, Par, Hole, Yds, Par. Lists golf scores for various players.

Tennis

India concede championship to South Africa... From Michael Hornsby

ILTF beg India to think again about decision

Johnannesburg, Oct 4... International Lawn Tennis Federation (ILTF)...

Motor racing

Andretti sets lap record in practice... From John Blunsden

First division

Table showing football league results for the First Division.

Yesterday's results

Table showing football league results from the previous day.

Rugby League

Brown recalled by Oldham... Utility player Richard Brown...

Rugby Union

Four matches... Rugby Union fixtures and results.

Horse trials

Two pupils do their teachers proud... Pupils until he had first reduced...

Weekend fixtures

Table listing football fixtures for the weekend.

Third division

Table listing football fixtures for the Third Division.

Fourth division

Table listing football fixtures for the Fourth Division.

Rugby League

Table listing Rugby League fixtures.

Rugby Union

Table listing Rugby Union fixtures.

Scottish first division

Table listing Scottish football fixtures for the first division.

Scottish second division

Table listing Scottish football fixtures for the second division.

Television highlights

Table listing television highlights for various sports.

Winter Olympics

Lake Placid the only candidate... Lausanne, Oct 4... The Canadian city of Vancouver...

Golf

Novices Championship... Golf news and results.

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Rugby Union

Tongans must beware of losing their host of British friends

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
After the hammering they took at the hands of Scotland last week the Tongans say they are fighting something more akin to their own weight by entering the first test with England on Tuesday...

Hockey

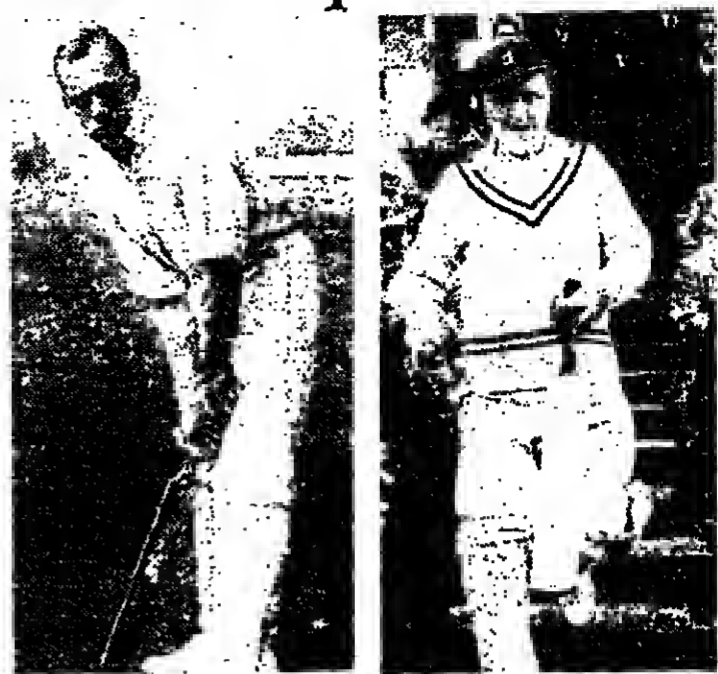
London is stirring back to life again

By Sydney Friskin
Hockey weekend of brisk activity and high promise begins today. Ten teams are assembling at Liverpool for the eighth festival tournament of the Northern Club and the London League in a bid to bring back to life with eight interesting matches...

Sponsorship speaks volumes for the propagation of cricket literature
At present the past has a future

By Richard Streeton

Any new cricket book which is broad in concept, massive in size and rich in material, belongs to a species rare at the present time. The economics of publishing alone see to that. It is a traditional history which covers almost 100 years in depth, nearly 700 pages or 300,000 words, handily illustrated and liberally illustrated and more important of all, rewarding to read...



Two famous Warwickshire cricketers. Bob Wyatt (left) in 1930 and Eric Hollies, a great spin bowler, seen going out to bat in his last match in 1957.

Wyatt was depressed from the captivity and later his move to Worcestershire, are especially welcome. Eric Hollies is delightfully portrayed and the story ends with the 1972 championship success. Overall, this is a memorable book and more power to any sports writer who makes possible further cricket publications like this...

Ruling on county replacements from RFU

The Rugby Football Union (RFU) has decided to leave it to the individual groups in the county championship to decide on any necessary public replacements to travel with the team in this season's county matches. Replacements are being used in county championship and knock-out games from the first round of the competition, for the first time this season...



Saville: injured and out of action for five weeks.

Park have a useful new recruit in Bann, the experienced Leicester lock, who makes his first appearance alongside Rodgers, who is fit again. Mantell is playing for the England under-23 side against Tonga, so Bignell moves to the back row...

Cricket

Greig says he did not give interview

Tony Greig, the Sussex and England cricketer, has denied, through his Brighton solicitors, that he gave an interview to the Melbourne Herald in which he was critical of certain aspects of the selection for the forthcoming MCC tour of Australia...

Boxing

McAlinden out on his feet

The British and Commonwealth heavyweight championship contest between Danny McAlinden, the holder, and Bunny Johnson at the Civic Hall, Wolverhampton, on Tuesday has been postponed. McAlinden has influenza and will not be fit to box for some time...

Athletics

Thompson and Mrs Smith head the polls

Jan Thompson, the Luton runner who has thrilled the sporting world with his marathon exploits, has been voted Athlete of the Year by the British Athletics Writers' Association. Thompson, aged 24, of Luton United, came first with 54 votes...

Business notices section containing various advertisements for services like 'Partners for Yacht', 'National Weekly Racing Newspaper', and 'Businesses for Sale'.

Postal and Weekend Shopping also on page 26

Large advertisement for Rookmoor Mills featuring 'Rush Matting', 'Zip Link Beds', 'Free Brochure', and 'Hand Carved Pine Mantels'.

Advertisement for 'Save on Cassette Tape Recorders' from CAVENDISH SALES CASSETTE CENTRE.

Advertisement for 'Setting the style from FINLAND' featuring 'Rambler Jackets' and 'Special to you'.

Advertisement for 'Continental Quilt Covers' and 'Matching Pillowslips and Bedfills'.

Advertisement for 'Men's Conventional Trousers' by EULAY LTD.

Advertisement for 'Shaped Car Covers' and 'Typewriters'.

Advertisement for 'Attica' building and construction services.

Advertisement for 'How to make a Duvet' and '100 Magnets'.

Advertisement for 'Mains Intercom' and 'Personal Self-Adhesive Labels'.

Advertisement for 'Underbed Chest' and 'Fire Curtains'.

Advertisement for 'Specialists in Loft Converters' and 'No More Blocked Pipes'.

Advertisement for 'Super Awl' and 'Bobes'.

Advertisement for 'Liquid Leather' and 'Find a Buyer in the Times'.

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Whitehall study of industry investment plans likely to show sharp deterioration

By Maurice Corina Industrial Editor. A sharp and significant deterioration in manufacturing industry's vital capital investment programmes is expected to be disclosed in an official Government survey due to be released on Monday.

Chase bank calls in FBI over securities

New York, Oct 4.—Chase Manhattan Bank has called in the FBI to examine the circumstances under which certain of its securities holdings were valued at falsely high levels, overstating actual earnings.

Fresh signs that US economy is drifting deeper into a recession

By Melvyn Westlake. There were fresh signs yesterday that the United States economy is drifting deeper into recession. Unemployment rose sharply last month, according to figures released by the Labour Department.

Fiat to put 71,000 workers on short time

Fiat, Italy's biggest private employer, announced yesterday that 71,000 workers would go on short time from Monday because of falling car sales.

Protest over petrol outlets

By David Young. In a 106-page submission to the Office of Fair Trading, the Petroleum Retailers' Association says the major oil companies have an unacceptable level of control over retail petrol markets.

Saudi Arabian pledge not to reduce oil flow

Washington, Oct 4.—Saudi Arabia will not cut back its oil production, even if the world price of oil falls, Saudi Arabia's oil minister said today.

Bougainville Copper deal concluded

By Andrew Wilson Mining Correspondent. Bougainville Copper and the Papua New Guinea government have finally reached agreement in principle on a new copper mining deal.

Vauxhall men meet as Chrysler strike ends

By R. W. Shakespeare. Motor industry convulsions over pay demands, which have put it at the centre of election controversy about the validity of Labour's social contract with the unions, took turns in two different directions yesterday.

Franklin chief meeting FDIC officials

New York, Oct 4.—Mr Joseph Barr, chairman of Franklin National Bank, is expected to meet officials of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today to discuss whether the bank would continue as a Long Island bank or be taken over by another bank.

Airlines fail to agree over transatlantic fares rise

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent. Airline industry plans for a new fares tariff on the north Atlantic from November 1 were thrown into confusion yesterday when talks between scheduled and charter sectors in San Diego collapsed.

Ex-head of Sime Darby charged

Singapore, Oct 4.—Mr Dennis William Pinder, former head of Sime Darby Holdings, one of the biggest companies in Singapore and Malaysia, was charged in court here with six counts of criminal breach of trust amounting to more than \$2.1m (about £320,000).

Refrigerator makers face 12 months of stagnation

Britain's domestic refrigerator manufacturers are preparing to enter a 12-month period of negative growth with the prospect of redundancies within the industry.

\$200m help for Grumman

New York, Oct 4.—Nine American banks and the Iranian state bank have agreed to provide the giant Grumman Aircraft Corporation with a \$200m (about £32m) aid package, the company announced here.

IMF to prepare schemes for recycling funds from the oil producing countries

From Frank Vogl Washington, Oct 4. At the end of the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, the staff of the IMF was instructed to design new schemes by 1975 for official recycling of funds from oil producing countries.

New Herstatt Bank quotas proposed

New quotas for creditors of the Herstatt Bank could be ready by the middle of next week, said Herstatt's liquidator.

Jensen meeting

Management and workers representatives are to meet next week to discuss the situation at the Jensen Motors plant at West Bromwich where 100 non-production workers have been made redundant.

Port's £50m contract

Felixstowe's privately-owned container port has won a three-year £50m contract from the International Paper Company of New York.

Gold brightens dull market

Share prices on the London stock market yesterday had a better start, although some leading stocks closed above their lowest levels after reports of Mr Healey's comments on the need to improve company liquidity and investment confidence.

Low the markets moved

Table with columns for Rises, Falls, and Shares. Includes entries for Barclays, Anglo, and various share prices.

The Pound

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including Australia, Canada, Denmark, and others.

Interim Statements

Table listing interim financial statements for various companies like S. Pearson & Son, etc.

Unit Trusts

Table listing unit trusts such as Lawson High Yield Fund, The Wier Growth Fund, etc.

S. Pearson & Son, Ltd. Unaudited results of the Group for the half-year to 30th June, 1974

Large financial statement table for S. Pearson & Son, Ltd. showing turnover, profit, and dividends for 1974 and 1973.

PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Grouse

The proposals of the Labour Party to abolish all higher rate income tax relief on mortgage loan interest is arguably fair. Why should the individual who is wealthier than most effectively pay less for the same commodity—a house—than someone who does not enjoy the same level of income?

What is disturbing, however, is the prospect that the higher rate income tax relief will cease overnight. Although it is not yet clear whether the Labour Party proposes to abolish this slice of the relief at a blow, the widespread impression is that it seems very likely that this will happen.

Government would have allowed a grace period for people to adjust to the new terms. There are sufficient precedents for this when the Labour Government originally allowed interest relief on all loans except mortgages (and others allied to property) in 1968, relief on existing loans was allowed to continue for several years. Similarly with the Budget restriction on loan interest relief on mortgages in excess of £25,000 the Government has always a risk that the situation could change, but in this instance, until very recently, the risk was remote.

Insurance

Looking after yourself if you're self-employed

If you work on your own—whether full-time or in addition to a normal job—it is up to you to work out what you need so far as insurance is concerned. Here are some points to bear in mind. First, you can probably contribute some of your "self-employed" earnings towards a supplementary pension. The maximum contribution you can make will depend on the amount of your earnings from your own business and any other earnings from a pensionable job, in the light of the various statutory limits.

Secondly, if you should be laid up for a long spell, once you have been receiving benefits continuously for a full fiscal year, they start to be taxed—as investment income. Do you employ anyone (however "part-time" this help may be) in connection with your business? If so, you are obliged by law to have employer's liability insurance in force, so that there will be insurers standing behind you if an employee makes a claim against you for personal injury resulting from your negligence of one kind or another.

Whether this will be possible will depend on what is involved. If, for instance, you have what amounts to a minor industry, quite clearly it is likely to be more appropriate for the insurance to be provided separately from your household insurance. Earlier I mentioned insurance to cover your loss of income if you should be incapacitated. Apart from that, the business could presumably suffer seriously if your premises were to go up in flames—destroying work in progress, book-keeping records and so on.

It is well worth putting as much as possible towards a personal pension, since the contributions will be free from tax. The insurance company's fund in which they are invested will also be tax exempt. When you decide to take the pension (at any time between your sixtieth and seventieth birthdays), you can extricate a part of the pension for a tax-free cash sum. The actual pension which you take will not count as investment income for tax purposes.

Obviously, if you have quite a large business of your own, special employer's liability insurance must be arranged. If, however, one person helps you in connection with your work to your home from time to time, the insurers which write your household insurance may well be prepared to extend the third party section of your policy.

Here you should be able to obtain cover of one kind or another, although what will be best for you will depend on the type of business and how long it might take to get back to normal if the worst should happen. If you have quite large sums of money on the premises, make sure that they are insured. In this event, dependent on the amount involved, the insurers may insist that you install a safe which meets with their approval.

In case you should be prevented from working because of ill-health, and would have no means of support apart from the various state benefits, it is sensible to fix up permanent health insurance. You pay a set premium each year (which cannot be increased, irrespective of claims experience), which depends not only on the weekly benefit you select, but also your sex and your age when you take the policy. This insurance is always more expensive for women, whereas life insurance is usually cheaper.

Usually, there is little point in being insured under one of these policies for, say, the first month of disability. After that, you will be paid the agreed weekly figure for so long as you are off work on doctor's orders—if necessary, up to the expiry date of the insurance, which may be your expected date of retirement. Here, however, the tax position will work against you. First, you will not be able to claim

any tax relief in respect of the premiums. Secondly, if you should be laid up for a long spell, once you have been receiving benefits continuously for a full fiscal year, they start to be taxed—as investment income. Do you employ anyone (however "part-time" this help may be) in connection with your business? If so, you are obliged by law to have employer's liability insurance in force, so that there will be insurers standing behind you if an employee makes a claim against you for personal injury resulting from your negligence of one kind or another.

Taxation

The Revenue has ways of finding out...

Two weeks ago I discussed a few of the many powers given to tax officials by statute, which enable them to obtain information about taxpayers. In view of the interest shown by readers here are a few more. Individuals who render services to a business but are not employees of it can be tracked down under one of the powers in the Taxes Management Act 1970. The tax office can ask the proprietor or company to provide details of payments made for more than £15 without deduction of tax.

PAYE. Also, a return, showing the gross earnings and the PAYE deductions of all employees, has to be submitted to the tax office annually by the employer. A non-business activity is not exempt from these rules. Organizations such as social clubs, golf clubs, professional and trade associations could be required to supply details of payments made for services rendered by non-employees. When stocks and shares are acquired it is necessary to include the income in one's annual tax return and to state the fact of the acquisition by completing the section in the form headed "Chargeable assets acquired".

Penalties can be imposed on anyone who fails to produce the information required by the revenue under its various powers. A penalty of £50 is payable and if the failure continues after judgment has been given a further penalty of either £10 or £50 can be imposed, depending on the nature of the offence, for each day the offence continues.

There is machinery for permitting the individual to appeal against the need to supply particulars and against the penalty, and a number of cases have come before the courts. In a recent case a trust had been set up and the Revenue was exercising its wide discretion under section 453 of the Taxes Act 1970 by demanding that the trustee should supply a number of particulars relating to the trust.

The individual can be required to deliver to the tax office copies of the accounts and balance sheets relating to the business and to make available all books, accounts and documents which concern the transactions of the business. Also, copies of extracts can be taken. The Revenue normally exercises this power sparingly, reserving it for extreme cases. While this particular power does not authorize the Revenue to probe into the taxpayer's non-business affairs it is able to do so under other provisions of the statute if he has submitted the proper tax returns when asked to do so. But that is a cautionary tale for next week.

Vera Di Palma

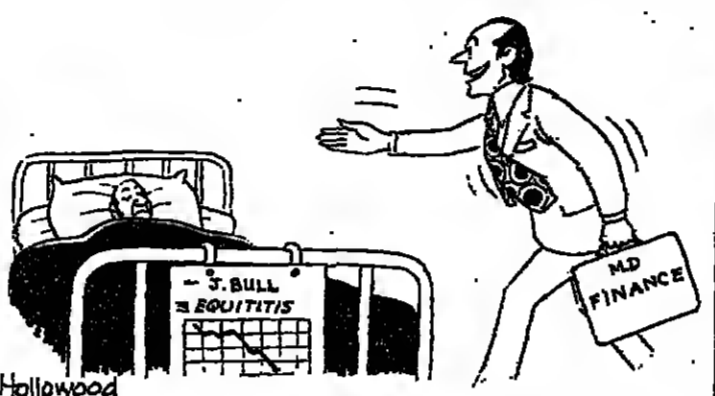
The word "payment" includes fees, commissions and expenses for services rendered by the non-employee. Those working by a freelance capacity would obviously be included here. This power is extended to include payments for services in connection with the "formation, acquisition, development or disposal of the business" by persons not employed by it, so that solicitors, estate agents and the like would be the subject of such an inquiry. The reason for excluding employees is that tax is automatically deducted at source from their earnings under

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Miracles a speciality for the finance physicians

Have you noticed that over the last year, professional advisers have all gone mad on this financial planning thing? An ordinary old-fashioned insurance broker, solicitor, stockbroker or accountant, impossible to find. There's no room for a specialist nowadays, they say airily. "Actually I regard myself as a sort of financial GP."

the mind, and it is now widely appreciated that many hysterical market reactions are highly infectious and an epidemic can result if they are not stamped out at an early stage. A high incidence of "Keynes' fracture", where the entire confidence snaps at the most delicate point, is an early sign of trouble here. Dealing with acute equities, particularly in terminal cases, is never easy and indeed causes much distress among the professionals who have to treat patients suffering from this condition. Unfortunately, some of the early cures were not scientifically researched and have resulted in sagging bonds and wrenched guarantees.

One does know what they mean. I can think of a lot of professional advisers who have been "killed" by "nose-and-tail" surgeons in the financial sense—betting their clients' ears and leading them by the nose until they are prepared to swallow anything. Unfortunately, however, in many cases the medicine has not worked too brilliantly and the patient is left with the vague feeling that prevention would have been better than cure.

These pitiful manifestations can affect the most balanced and experienced practitioner. The inclusion of Conscience Saving as an additional subject in the curriculum has therefore been widely welcomed. The School of Medical Moneygamesmanship, recently opened by the Under Assistant Minister to the Treasury, has been rightly described as a major advance in the field of monetarological research. The minister commented favourably on the campus museum—in particular its amazing collection of deep-frozen dividend warrants, some of the outstanding examples of financial plastic surgery that had been undertaken under experimental conditions in its Cayman Islands tropical laboratory.

Having taken the Hippocratic Oath ("I swear I'll do my best but it's always the client's decision") students are first taught the composite probing method for finding out exactly what. This entails an elaborate questionnaire beginning with the opening gambit "What seems to be the trouble?" and leading on by gentle stages to the more sensitive areas of inquiry such as "Do you suffer more from inflation or fluctuance?" "How is your financial libido these days?" and "Do you sometimes get a burning sensation in the wallet?" There are special courses in portfolio management (the meat loaves), cash transfusion, the treatment of inflamed bank balances and speculator's itch, and Ecupuncture (generally speaking in the administered to EFT or central banks). A great deal of attention is paid to the psychological problems of patients. Any doctor will agree that most adverse financial conditions are born in

Francis Kinsman

Car insurance

Don't rely too much on a temporary cover note

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Retired? Then your house should be paying you an income.

If you're retired and facing financial pressures due to inflation, you'll be glad to know that you can put your house to work for you.

How? With a Home Income Plan, with tax benefits confirmed in this year's Finance Bill and endorsed by all the major political Parties.

This uses the current value of your house to give you a regular income for life. And in some cases a lump sum as well. You keep your house. You and your heirs continue to benefit from any rising property prices, and in some circumstances you can convert these rises into additional income.

If you're over 65, or 70 if you are a lady (or if there are two of you, both should be at least 75) and your house is worth at least £10,000, fill in the coupon for full details.

There are several schemes available. We will make sure that you get the best for your particular circumstances.

Form for Julian Gibbs Home Pension Planning Ltd, 4 Curzon Place London W1Y 7AA. Fields include Name, Address, Telephone, Date of Birth, and Estimated House Value.

Gold coin prices

Gold has substantially increased in popularity with both private and professional investors. To keep pace with this trend The Times from Tuesday onwards will publish the daily buying and selling prices of Kruggerands and old and new sovereigns. The prices will appear on the Financial News and Market Reports page under the heading sterling-foreign exchange tables. The prices are supplied by dealers on the bullion market and are those which are generally available to professional investors buying in quantity. Individuals buying these coins in smaller amounts from traders or through their own banks will probably have to pay a higher premium. Prices also vary widely according to coin quality.

Unit trust performance

Table showing unit trust performance for various funds like Garmore British, Vav Capital, Piccadilly Inc/Grow, etc. Columns include fund name, A, B, and performance metrics.

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Table showing unit trust performance for various funds like S & P Income, National High Inc, M & G Coov Income, etc. Columns include fund name, A, B, and performance metrics.

Unit trust performance

Advertisement for Lawson High Yield Fund, offering a 16.5% gross yield. Includes details about the fund, application forms, and contact information.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Outlooks weaken • Looking at some fallen stars

...saw week was experienced... with expectations... practice has turned out rather different to the theory... Many financial groups that are now being unwound under the auspices of the clearing banks and the Bank of England...

...insurance—for preference all three rolled up together in one group... And, as the results from Anglo-Continental Investment and Finance and Argyle Securities, both offshoots of Jimmy Goldsmith's business empire, showed last week, problems in one financial area can spark off problems in another...

...and property, is falling at the same time, their solvency margins are eroded... In fairness to those who argued the case for property banking and insurance before inflation had reached double figures, it should be said that many of outside factors have played a part in the problems of the financial sector...

Interim setback at S Pearson shows 35 pc drop to £8.5m

By Tony May A drop of 35 per cent to £8.5m in the interim pre-tax profits of the S. Pearson & Son publishing, industrial and financial group, triggered a 7p fall in the share price to 61p yesterday...

group's year, and in addition, the Pearson Longman side reported rapid rises in the cost of newsprint and other over-heads... Turnover excludes Lazard Brothers, investment and property income...

Monsanto's striking recovery efforts

By David Mott Monsanto Ltd, British subsidiary of the United States chemical and plastics combine, is keeping up the recovery effort which it began in the lean years of 1971 and 1972 by hoisting its taxable profits from £13.7m to £25.5m last year...

Stock markets Late signs of rally

Mr Healey's hints of a reflationary budget if Labour wins the election came too late for the equity market, where prices suffered another depressing day... Quotations of some market leaders were raised after the Chancellor's words, to leave the FT index finally 0.5 off at 191.5 (after 190.7) and The Times index 0.46 off at 74.59...

Property loss hits first half at Cons Commercial

The half-year results of Consolidated Commercial, a London-based food manufacturers and distributors, which also takes in property development and finance, have been cut back by losses incurred in the non-food side, resulting from an uncompleted property sale...

UDT's £15m loan stock issue flops

United Dominions Trust's £15m issue of 16 per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 1978 has failed... Applications for only £73,500 of the stock were received and the balance has been taken up by underwriters...

Latest dividends

Table with columns: Company (and par value), Dividend, Year, etc. Includes entries for Advance Laundries, Beaton, Clark, Century Secs, etc.

Third-quarter earnings at ITT likely to drop 11 pc

Resulting from inflationary pressures as well as contractual problems to one Latin American operation, estimates of third-quarter earnings at International Telephone & Telegraph Corporation indicate a fall of about 11 per cent below the \$1 a share for the same period...

Winds of change in financial planning

...the 12 months he has been with Anthony Gibbs (Personal Financial Planning), managing director Harry Kinloch has ruled out any personal, big salary... has, however, been more in the other direction; weekend he master-minded restructuring of the company which resulted in the shedding of 100 people to leave an establishment of 150...

...kind of client will not be the prime marketing target... As a step towards moving away towards a more fee-oriented structure, the revised Anthony Gibbs (PF) has abolished the commission system for its staff... Previously they were paid a salary with a commission override. This has been replaced with a straight salary structure...

...The company itself was profitable until March, since when it operated on a break-even system—partly owing to the drastic pruning of overheads by Kinloch... In July, 1973, expenses were running at £2.8m. They are now 580,000. Obviously reduced turnover has played its part, but Kinloch reckons that in terms of budgeted profit figures, the profit potential is higher...

Advance Laundries reverse mid-term cheer

Connecting on a fall in first-half profits from £861,000 to £515,000, the board of Advance Laundries, a subsidiary of B.E.T. Group, says that things should improve to the second half of the year, but of course no forecast is possible... The fall in profits came in spite of a rise in turnover from £6.6m to £7.2m and is attributed to a rise in the cost of raw materials and labour and to the unavoidable delay in obtaining approval for price rises allowable under present legislation...

Miller (Textiles) mid-term cheer

A new high level of profit was attained in the half-year to August 15 by Glasgow-based F. Miller (Textiles), whose main customer for its children's and women's wear is Marks & Spencer... Taxable profits jumped by about a third to £680,000, as the mid-turnover to £1.3m. Raising the interim from 1.81p to 2.35p (the maximum) a gratified board expect the full year's output to be also satisfactory...

House sales uplift at Orme Devs

News for shareholders of Orme Developments from Mr. A. Whitfield, chairman, at the annual meeting was that the level of borrowing had been reduced since the balance sheet date and a further fall expected... The group still has a strong cash position and is on the lookout for suitable acquisitions...

Opening slip by Beaton, Clark

The leap to demand for bottles and other glass containers took Beaton, Clark to a record profit of £913,000 last year, but the interim profits are now down 11 per cent to £497,000 in a period which included the three-day week... The board says that this more gives the net level, profits show a slide from £375,000 to £282,000, but the board has maintained the dividend at 1.47p net, giving a rise from 2.1p to 2.2p gross with retained profits coming out at £220,000, against £133,000...

Associates swell Century Secs

In spite of bearing the "full weight" of high interest rates and finance charges for a new acquisition, profits of the "old" Century Securities group edged up by £10,000 to £22,000 in the year to March 31... The present picture is that diversification and a revival in the sales of touring caravans have meant a recovery to more profitable trading with better prospects for the year as a whole...

Hunt & Moscrop

Out of turnover expanded 16 per cent to £5m pre-tax profits of Hunt & Moscrop (Middleton) and its paper making machinery group, jumped 28 per cent to a record £487,000 in the period to June 30... A final payment of 0.4p gives shareholders a total up to an adjusted 0.7p to 0.72p...

Sketchley in Europe

Although no financial details are disclosed, the Sketchley cleaning group has acquired a 95 per cent stake in Servibel of Belgium, which had net assets at December 31 of £162,000... The board says that this more gives the net level, profits show a slide from £375,000 to £282,000...

T. Line tumbles

The oil crisis and the three-day week affected all sections of the business at Thomson T. Line Caravans and the interim results are down from £264,000 to £220,000, while on net profits of £100,000, against £143,000, the interim dividend is held at 3.92p... The present picture is that diversification and a revival in the sales of touring caravans have meant a recovery to more profitable trading with better prospects for the year as a whole...

Pullman brisk

All sectors enjoy "very strong demand", reports Mr. M. A. Hopp, chairman of R. & J. Pullman, garment and textiles group, and turnover and production figures are increasing in line... For example, it will draw more extensively on the investment management facilities of its merchant banking parent, it does mean, however, that the company will be moving more up market; and that is a pity...

Briefly

- LAUGHTON & SONS Turnover for half year, £3.2m (£2.6m). Taxable profits, £269,000 (£239,000).
MILFORD DOCKS Interim sales, £415,000 (£373,000) and taxable profit, £24,000 (£22,000).
GOUGH BROTHERS For half year taxable profits £104,000 (£119,000) from turnover of £3.5m (£2.9m). Dividend up to 4.6p (1.4p) from earnings of 1.6p (2.1p).
MODERN ENGINEERS, BRISTOL (£116,000); sales, £2.9m (£1.6m); dividend, 0.77p (0.75p).
DWA PLANTATIONS In a recommended deal, D. C. K. Nurseries are making an offer for the shares of D. W. A. Plantations not already owned.

ALDERMAN SECURITIES

£258,000 (£220,000); provision for disputed insurance claim, £80,000 (nil); final dividend 1p making 2p (0.8p).

EUROPEAN ARAB BANK

Company has accepted participation of three new years from Europe and Japan. These are Credit Suisse, Fuji Bank and Industrial Bank of Japan.

G. STIBBE

Mr W. Mackey, receiver and manager, reports no funds are available for redemption of share registration facilities.

GLASGOW BROTHERS MERCER

George Morton and Todd, Wheat & Munro to merge. Morton will stop trading on October 25 and business incorporated with T.W. & M.

CANADIAN OVERSEAS PACKAGING INDUSTRIES LIMITED

(Incorporated in Canada) Preliminary Profit Announcement For the Year to June 30, 1974 (All funds expressed in Canadian Dollars)
Profit before Taxation 11,815,460 4,897,634
Taxation 2,370,978 479,260
Profit after Taxation 9,444,482 4,418,374
Less: Minority Interests 415,417 185,351
9,029,065 4,233,023
(461,319) (598,229)
Extraordinary Items (Gain) 9,490,384 3,624,724
Stock Dividend (Allotted in June) 4,600,000
4,600,384
Common Dividend Provision 1,000,000 600,000
\$3,890,384 \$3,024,724

INTERIM STATEMENT

Holts (Automotive Chemicals, Accessories and Repair Products) Interim Report for the half-year ended 31st July 1974
6 months to 31.7.74 6 months to 31.7.73
Group Pre-Tax Trading Profit (unaudited) £231,000 £206,000
Taxation £120,000 £104,000
Consolidated Trading Profit after Tax £111,000 £102,000

Arthur Henriques

Including a full six months' trading from the Bedford and Smedley acquisitions interim profits of Arthur Henriques, clothing manufacturers, jumped 70 per cent to £154,000 pre-tax. The second leg is expected to equal the first. Dividend is being increased to 1.17p (1.05p).

Vavasseur trusts change hands

The Vavasseur unit trust group has just been sold to Henderson Administration along with the Vavasseur Financial Services Division. First Investors.

...£18m, and the purchase price was then £1.2m... The present deal—which includes the profitable growth-oriented First Investors—is worth £670,000... During the past four years the Vavasseur unit trust managers have substantially rationed the investment funds...

...bedevilled the parent company have left their mark and the move to Henderson should be in the interests of unitholders, not to mention the private clients of First Investors... Although Henderson Administration does run two unit trusts, Cabot and Henderson Gross, it is better known as an investment trust company management group...

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Issues & Loans

Computerizing bond trading

The desirability of computerizing international bond trading will come under sharp scrutiny at meetings between representatives of Euxec and Aziel and the executive committee of the Association of International Bond Dealers in Paris later this month, according to informed sources in Brussels, quoted by Reuters.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Table of Eurobond prices with columns for Bid, Offer, and various bond types like STRAIGHTS, CONVERTIBLES, and NON-S BONDS.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar under pressure

Already easier at the outset, the dollar came under a fair amount of pressure during the afternoon on the foreign exchange, following a 1 per cent prime rate cuts by two major United States banks. Higher September unemployment figures in America also affected the dollar.

Spot Position of Sterling

Markets for sterling were mixed in the afternoon. The pound was down 1/8 cent to 2.2955, with a bid of 2.2950 and an offer of 2.2960.

Forward Levels

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Recent Issues

Table of recent issues including E Anglia, Euxec, and Finance for Ind.

Mentmore rally

After six months' trading, Mentmore Manufacturing has managed a recovery in taxable profits with a rise from £205,000 to £263,000 on sales of £2.93m (£2.34m). Shareholders will receive a dividend of 0.26p, against 0.23p.

Bank Base Rates

Table of bank base rates for Barclays Bank, FHC, Nat West, etc.

Discount market

Credit yesterday flowed unerringly into the London discount market. Early on, the market looked set for another comfortable session. There was no calling of any significant, and money was available in the region of 9 per cent.

Money Market Rates

Table of money market rates including Treasury Bill, Prime Bank Bill, and various bank rates.

Wall Street

New York, Oct 4. Stocks on the New York stock exchange closed mostly lower today after a late rally attempt fell apart.

Silver 20c limit up

Table of silver prices for various grades and locations.

Rudolf Wolff in consortium that may set up an exchange in Hongkong

Hongkong is continuing actively to explore the possibility of establishing a commodity exchange. Mr Derek Jones, the acting financial secretary speaking in his capacity as chairman of the steering group on commodity exchanges said yesterday that following an examination of the proposals submitted by six groups seeking to set up an exchange the government had decided to begin further negotiations with one particular consortium.

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The Water Growth Fund 1st Full Year

Report for the year to 31st August 1974. Final Payment for Income Units 0.27p (2.70% gross on after price of unit) payable 21st October, 1974 (making 0.537p net = 6.21%). Unit Prices: 2-9-74. Accumulation 15.1p - 15.9p. Offer prices 36.4% and 38.8% lower than initial offer 27th July, 1973. F.T. Industrial Index down 47.8% in the same period. "Fund aims to take advantage of asset backing and overseas interests to compete with inflation". Full report available from 18th October: Unit Trust Accounting & Management Ltd., Plantation House, Mincing Lane, London EC3M 3XJ. Tel: 01-623 4951.

The Times Share Indices

Table of share indices including FTSE 100, FTSE 250, and various sector indices.

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A diner's relationship with his waiter is among the most difficult to handle of all emotional relationships. It is in some respects like the beginning of a love affair. It soon becomes clear whether there is any basis at all for a fruitful liaison—and if not the diner is best advised to cut his losses and try elsewhere. Yet even if the first signs are good, both parties have to work hard to ensure the matter proceeds smoothly to its conclusion and that they are still in terms when the meal is completed.

For the most part the diner is the passive partner, even in the initial stage of ordering from the menu. A crucial factor is how quickly the waiter presents the menu and allows selection to begin. If the delay is too long, the relation is soured from the start, and there is little hope of retrieving it.

The waiter must decide whether to offer a recommendation. Many do this automatically, but he is better advised to weigh up the diner first. Some diners think the restaurant is simply trying to maximize its profit, and again hostility is created. Others enjoy a pre-dinner drink and could be offended if it is not offered. The waiter, from his experience, should decide who fits into which category, though it is generally true that diners who really want drinks will be quick enough to ask for them.

The next difficult question is whether the waiter should recommend particular selections from the menu. Again, it is easy to provoke misunderstanding by doing so, especially if the item recommended is not on the menu and therefore unpriced. The other day as I was ordering, a waiter told me that, in addition to the listed starters, there were some very nice asparagus. The diner, if with a guest, will often be constrained from saying: "How much?" and may have to ask his companion whether he or she would like the asparagus. If the answer is yes, an unknown and probably hefty amount is added to the bill.

Some diners ask the waiter for his recommendations, though nowadays experienced eaters mostly avoid this. There is always the risk that the waiter will recommend either what is most expensive or what is most popular. There are occasions where the proprietor has bought some exceptionally good quality meat, fish or vegetables and it is useful for the diner to know this. But unless he knows and trusts the restaurant, there is no way of telling whether the waiter's recommendation is genuinely a result of this, or whether there is a baser motive. Ideally, the question: "What's good?" should be answered with: "Everything, sir."

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